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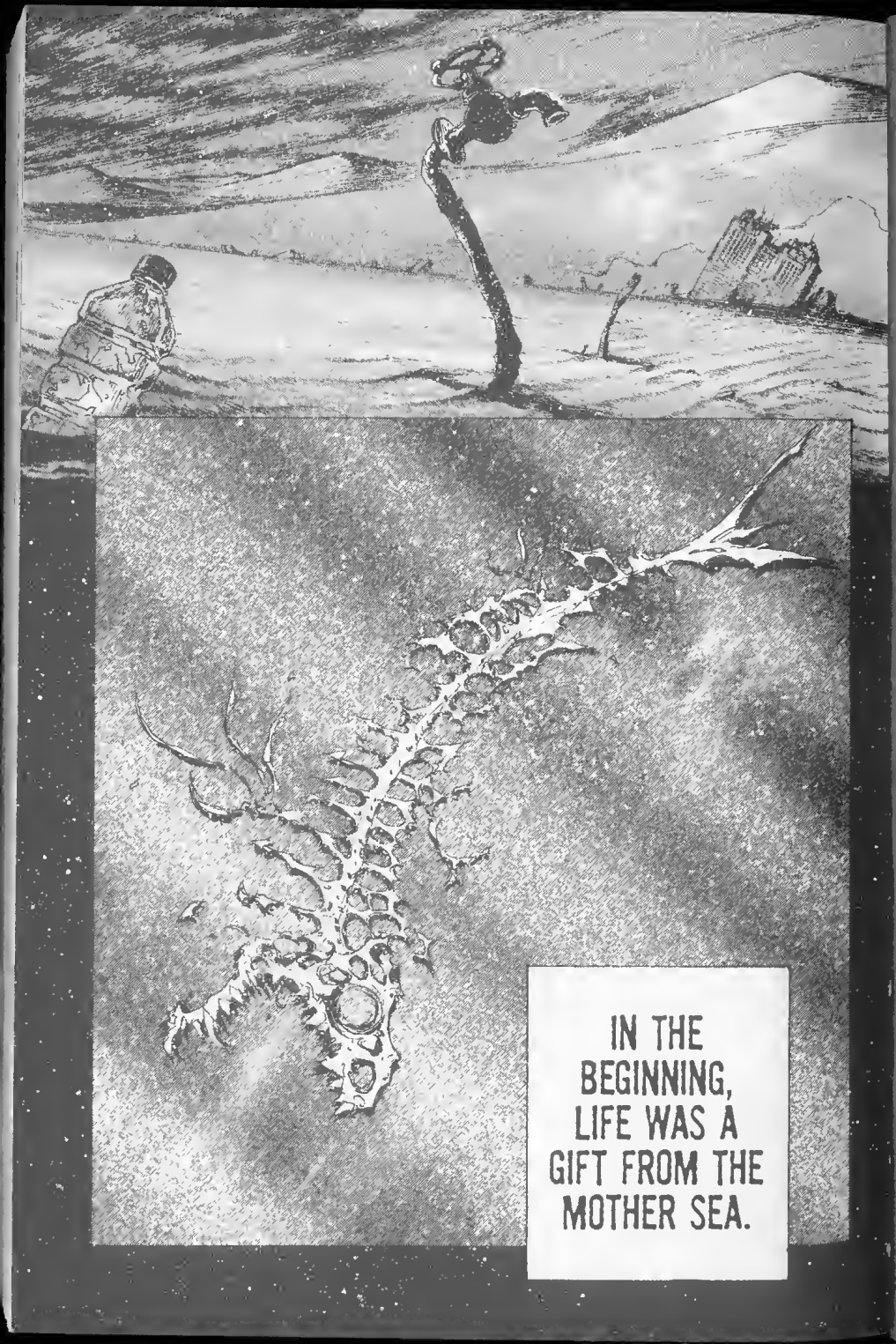

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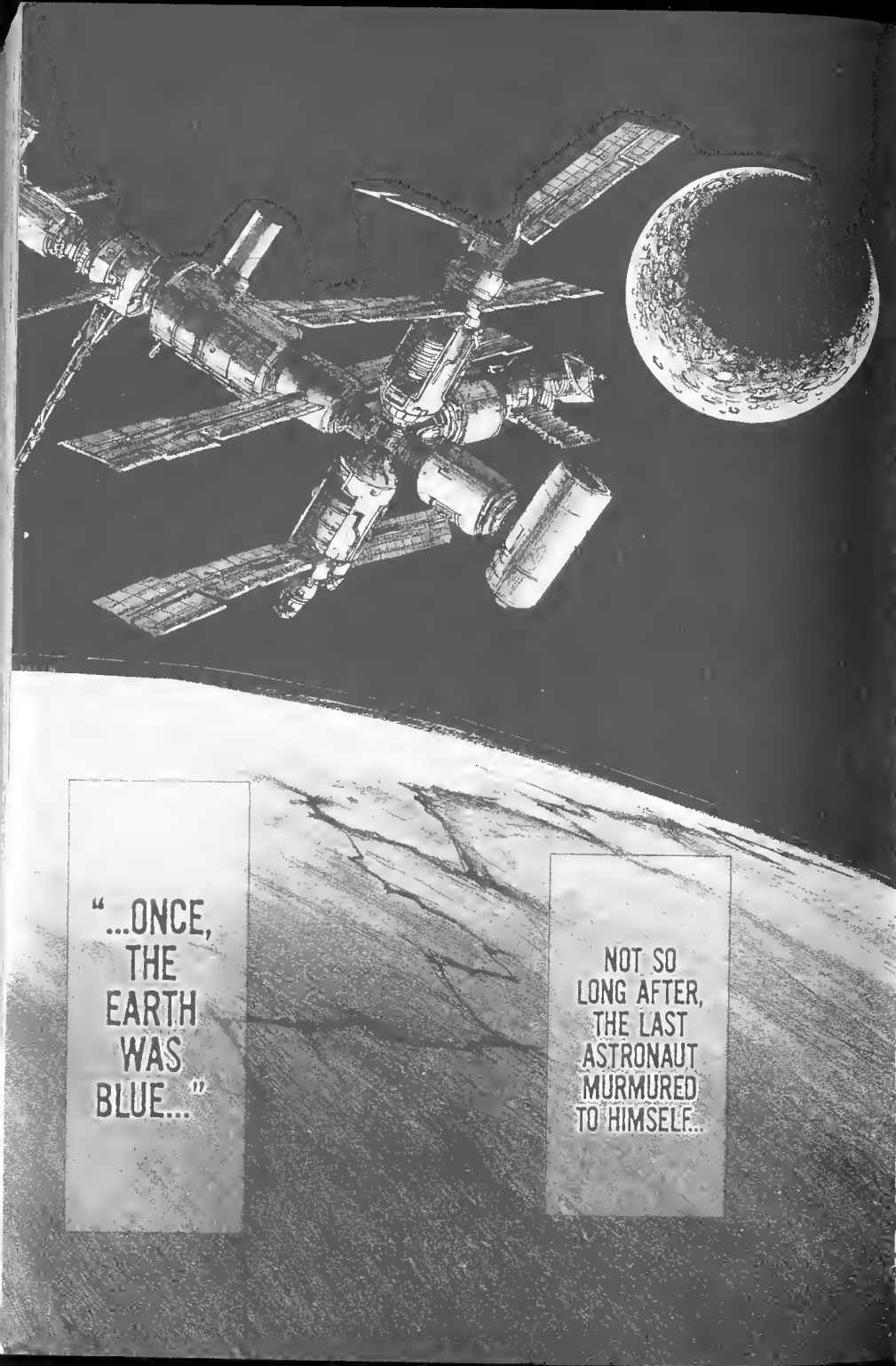
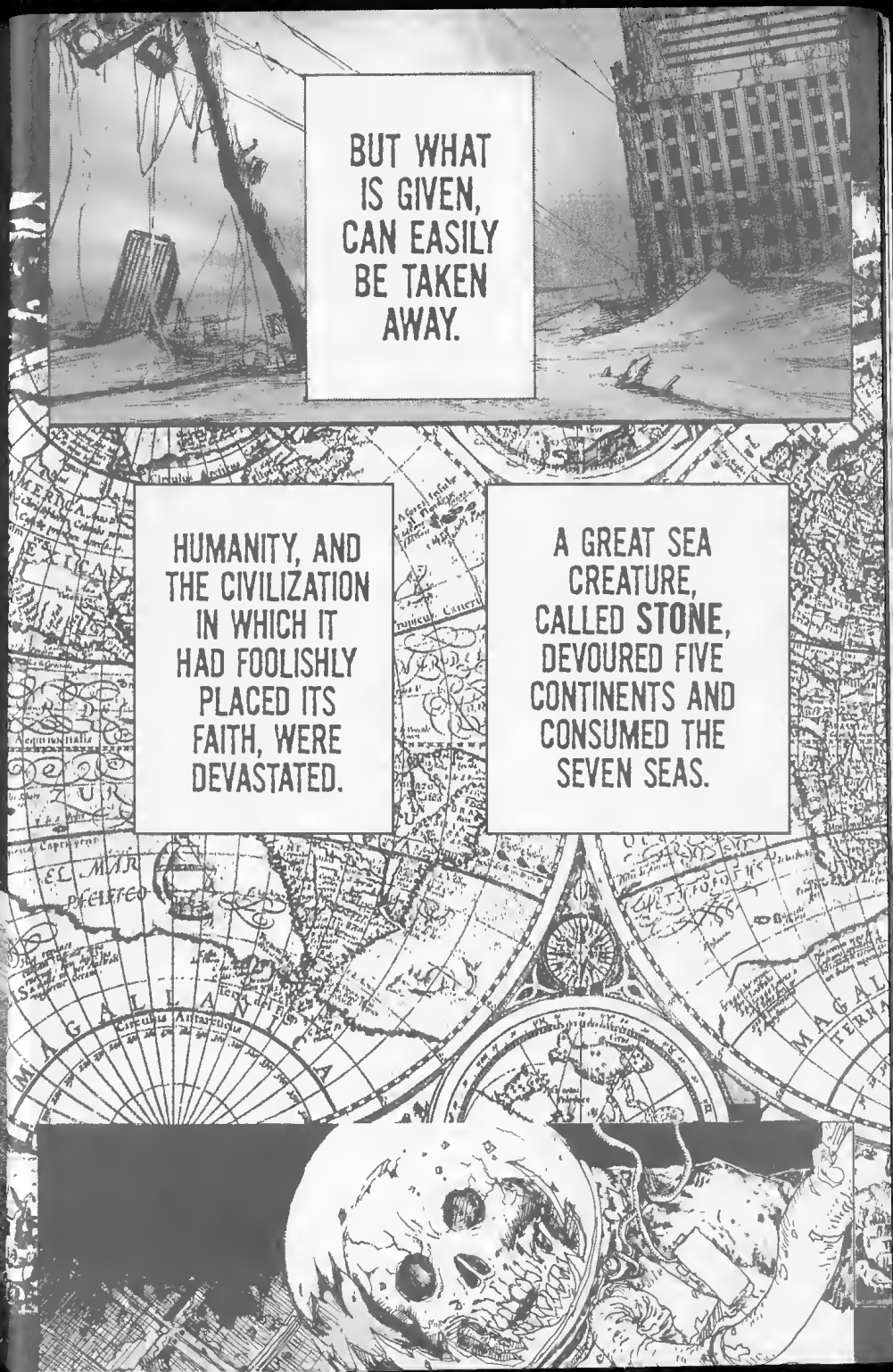
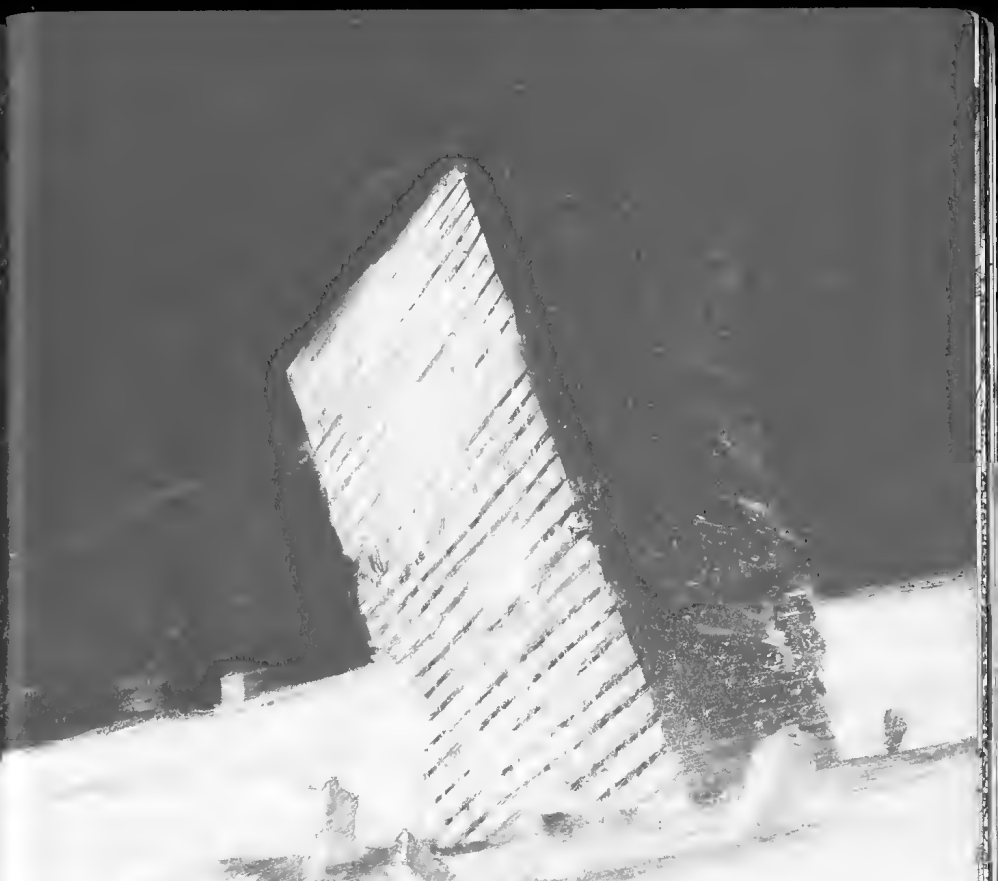

"...ONCE, THE EARTH WAS BLUE..."
NOT SO LONG AFTER, THE LAST ASTRONAUT MURMURED TO HIMSELF...


BUT WHAT IS GIVEN, CAN EASILY BE TAKEN AWAY.
HUMANITY, AND THE CIVILIZATION IN WHICH IT HAD FOOLISHLY PLACED ITS FAITH, WERE DEVASTATED.
A GREAT SEA CREATURE, CALLED **STONE**, DEVOURED FIVE CONTINENTS AND CONSUMED THE SEVEN SEAS.

BEEP
ZIZI, DO YOU COPY? WHERE ARE YOU?!
YOU'VE BEEN DOWN THERE TOO LONG! YOU'LL...
ZIZI!!
ZIZI? WHERE ARE YOU?!
WHAT THE HELL ?!
...AAH!

WHOA!
WHAT THE --?!
HELP ME!
YOU IDIOT!
YOU GOTTA FIND HER!
I DON'T HAVE TIME FOR YOUR SCREWING AROUND! IT'S BEEN OVER TEN MINUTES SINCE ZIZI WENT INTO THE SAKAI!*
CAN'T I TAKE MY EYES OFF YOU FOR THREE SECONDS?!
*SAND OCEAN



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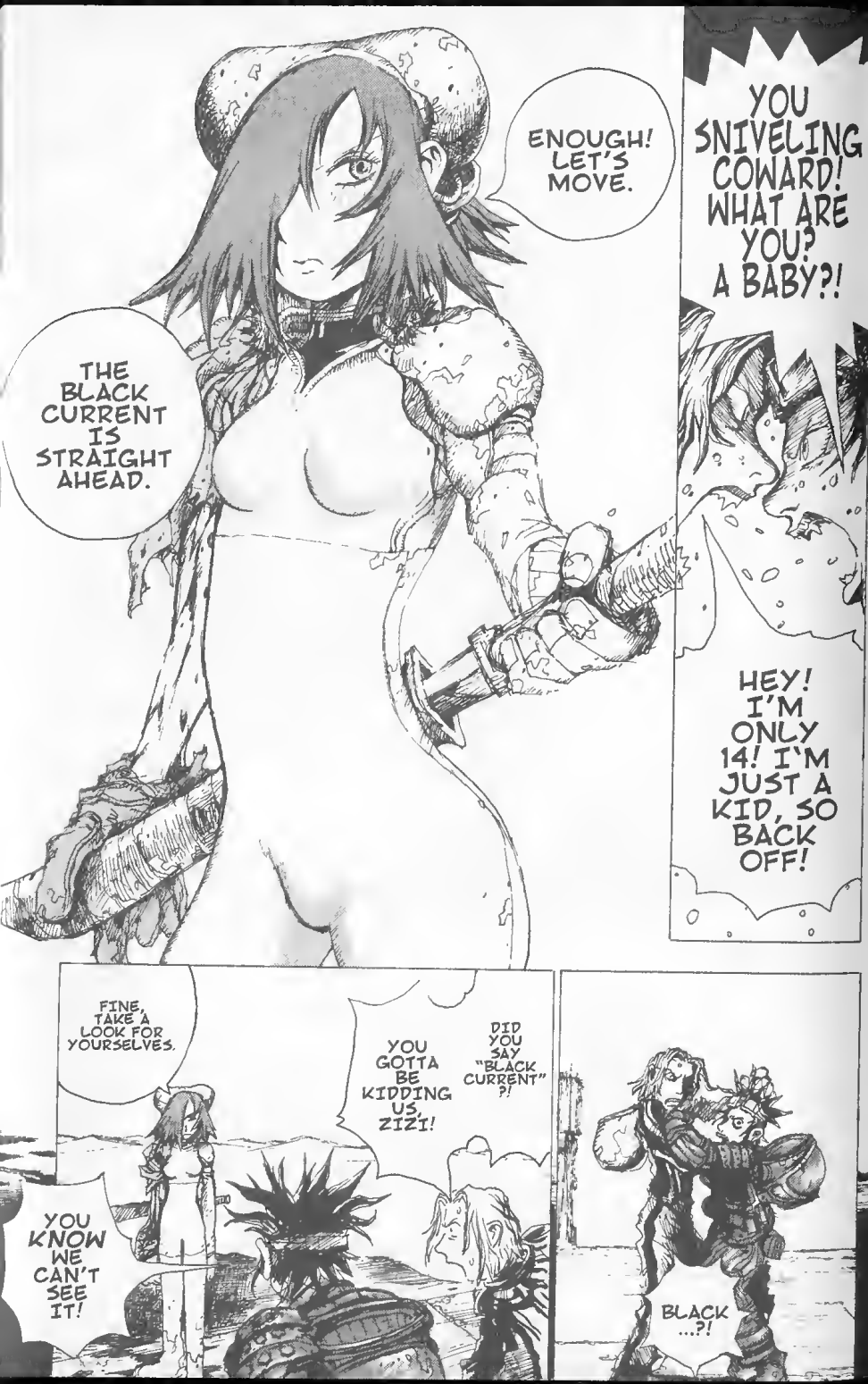
EPISODE 1

"ZIZI THE WITCH WITH PINK HAIR"

WHAT THE --?!

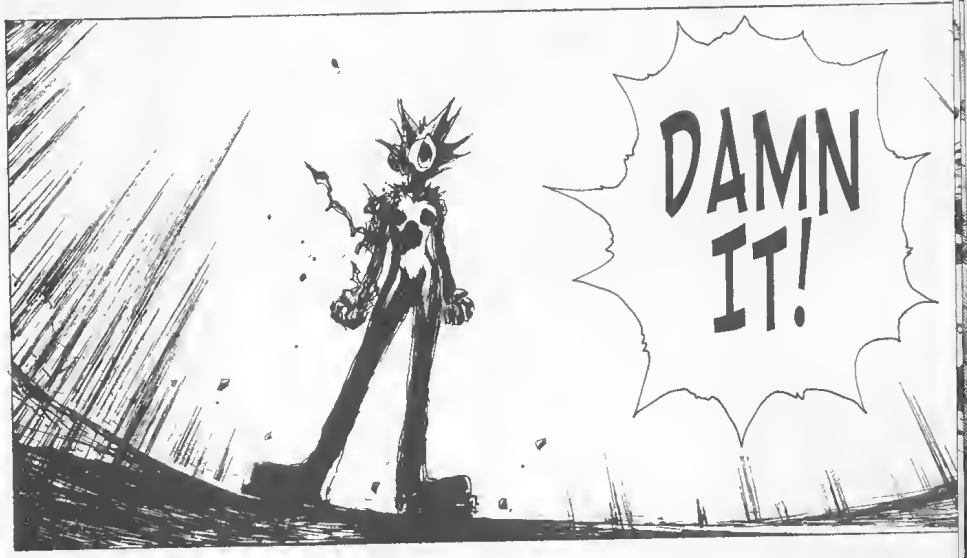
HOLY SHIT!
I CAN'T SEE ANYTHING! ZIZI!!
DAMN IT!
WHERE DID THEY ...?
SHE'S CRAZY! SHE CAN'T KILL A DEVOURER INSIDE THE SAKAI!

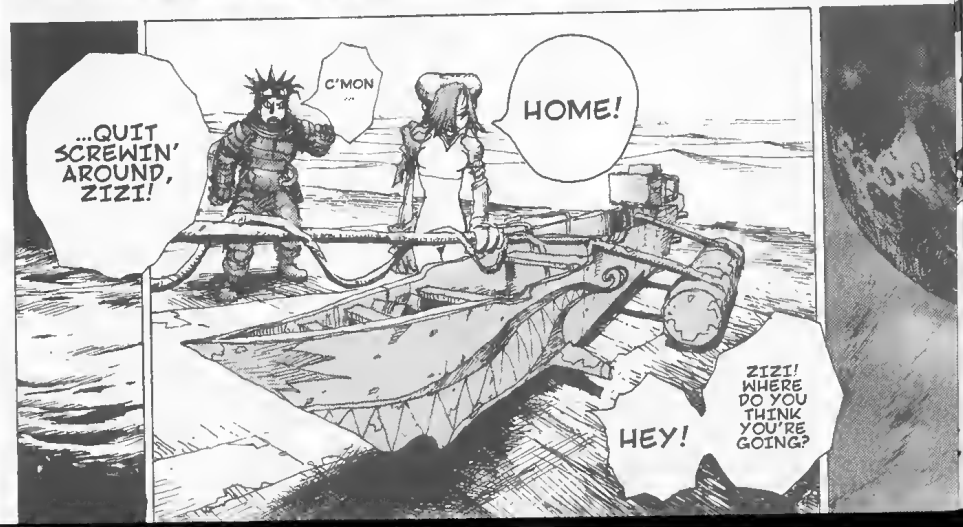

ENOUGH! LET'S MOVE.
THE BLACK CURRENT IS STRAIGHT AHEAD.
YOU SNIVELING COWARD! WHAT ARE YOU? A BABY?!
HEY! I'M ONLY 14! I'M JUST A KID, SO BACK OFF!
FINE, TAKE A LOOK FOR YOURSELVES.
YOU KNOW WE CAN'T SEE IT!
YOU GOTTA BE KIDDING US, ZIZI!
DID YOU SAY "BLACK CURRENT" ?!
BLACK ...?!

HUH ?!
I CAN'T TAKE THIS ANYMORE.
CAN WE GO HOME NOW?
ZIZI, THAT... THAT WAS AMAZING!
I DON'T BELIEVE IT!
WHA ...?!

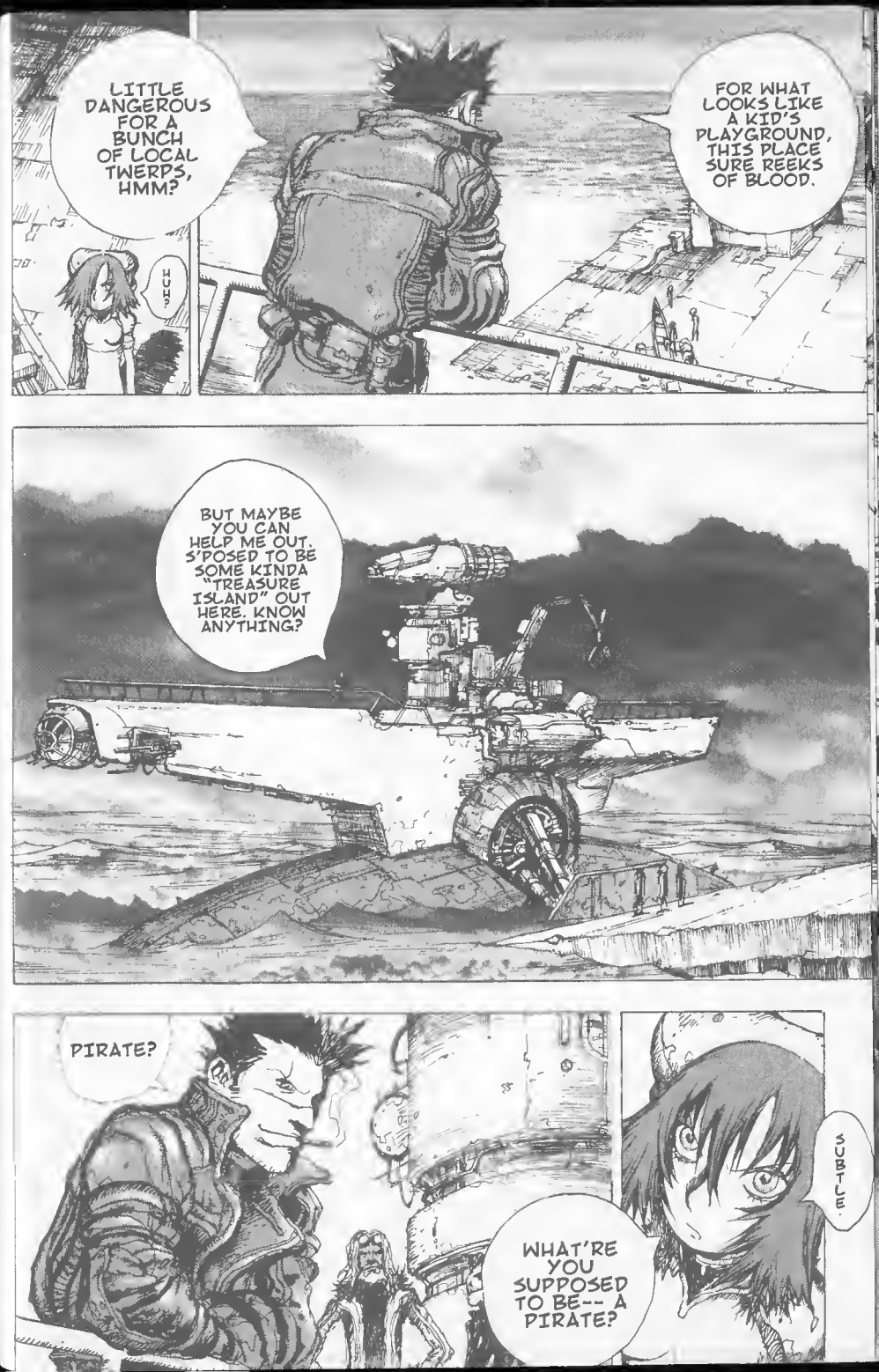
SO SPILL-- WHAT GIVES?
YOU WERE THE ONE THAT WANTED OFF THAT ISLAND IN THE FIRST PLACE.
YOU SAW IT YOURSELF. THE SEA CREATURES ARE GATHERING ON THE BLACK CURRENT.
IF YOU'RE SO ANXIOUS TO END UP ON THE MENU, THEN BE MY GUEST.
TODAY... IS PAYBACK TIME!
...I'M NOT GIVING UP.
ME...

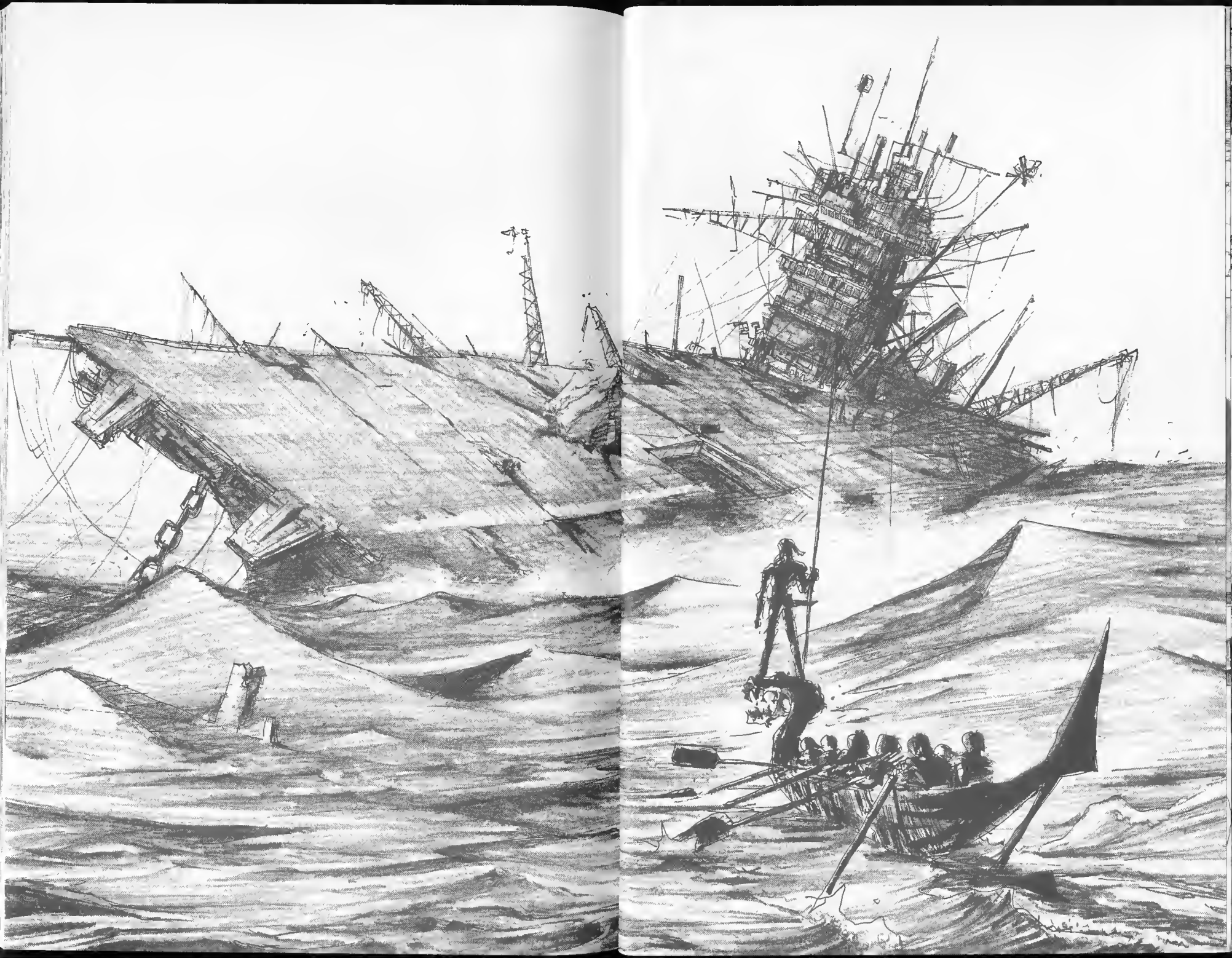
...IF I CAN'T EVEN USE IT TO GET OFF THIS GOD-FORSAKEN ROCK?!
MAGIC...?!
WHAT GOOD IS MAGIC...
.....
UNFORTUNATELY, WE DON'T ALL HAVE YOUR MAGIC, ZIZI!

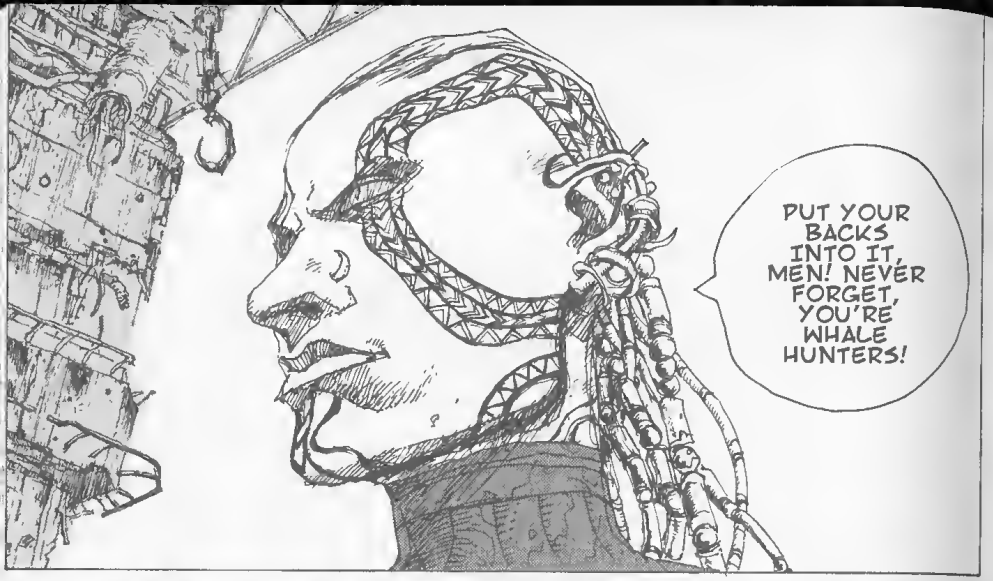

DAMN IT!


...QUIT SCREWIN' AROUND, ZIZI!
C'MON...
HOME!
HEY!
ZIZI! WHERE DO YOU THINK YOU'RE GOING?

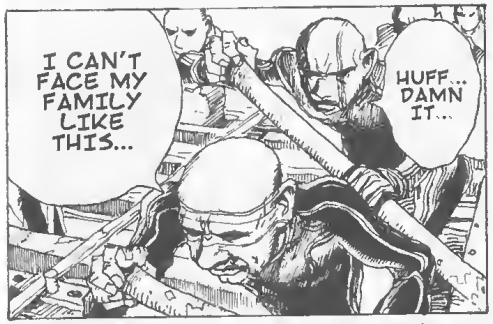
YA' KNOW?
YOU GOT ME THERE.
THIS IS MY TERRITORY IN THE SAKAI. BUT "PIRATE" IS SUCH A HARSH WORD.
LET'S JUST CALL ME AN "AGGRESSIVELY PERSUASIVE MERCHANT."
FANCY TALK FOR A ROUGHNECK THUG.
BESIDES... WHAT BUSINESS COULD YOU HAVE ON THAT ISLAND?!
FOR ONE THING... THEY SAY YOU CAN CATCH LOTS O' SAND WHALES THERE.


LITTLE DANGEROUS FOR A BUNCH OF LOCAL TWERPS, HMM?
HUH?
FOR WHAT LOOKS LIKE A KID'S PLAYGROUND, THIS PLACE SURE REEKS OF BLOOD.
BUT MAYBE YOU CAN HELP ME OUT. S'POSED TO BE SOME KINDA "TREASURE ISLAND" OUT HERE. KNOW ANYTHING?
PIRATE?
WHAT'RE YOU SUPPOSED TO BE-- A PIRATE?
SUBTLE.



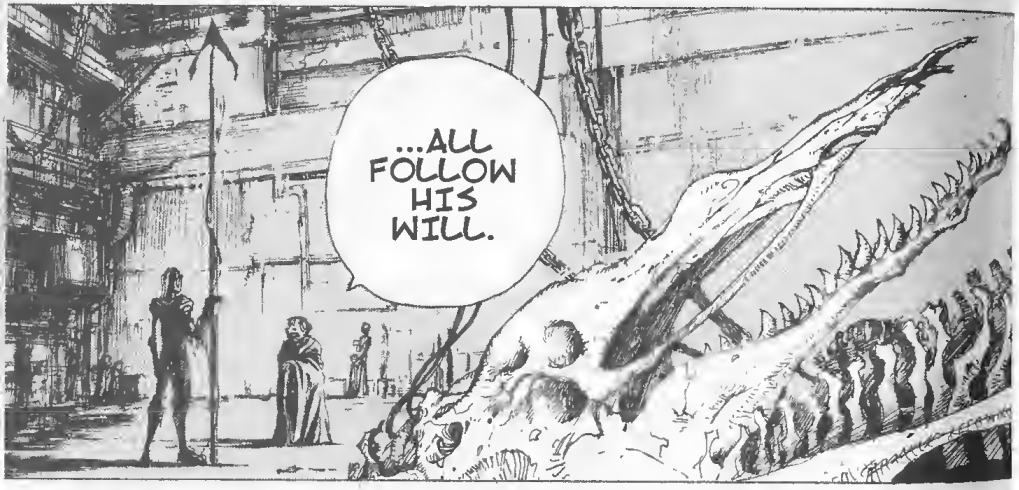

PUT YOUR BACKS INTO IT, MEN! NEVER FORGET, YOU'RE WHALE HUNTERS!

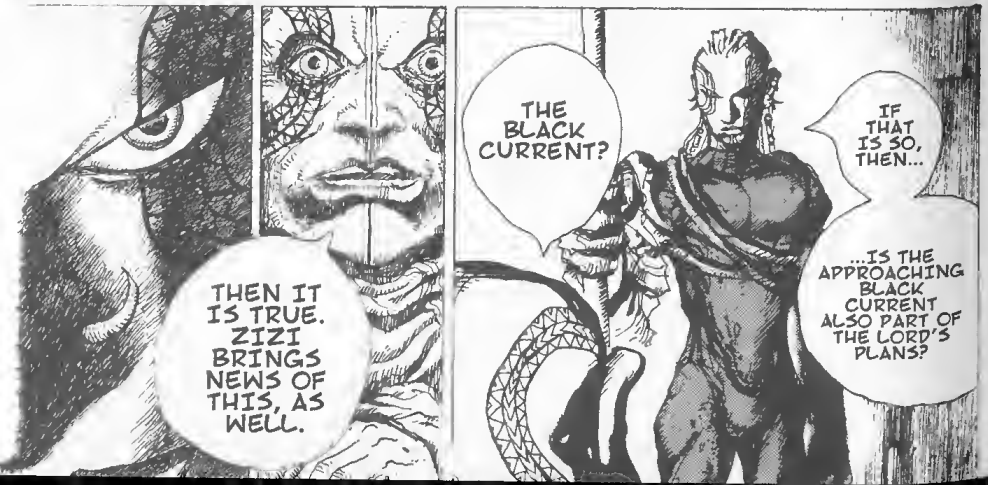
NO... NO CATCH? I THOUGHT TODAY WOULD BE THE DAY...
...THREE WHOLE MONTHS HAVE PASSED WITHOUT A SINGLE WHALE BEING CAUGHT!
AAAAHHH...
THREE MONTHS...

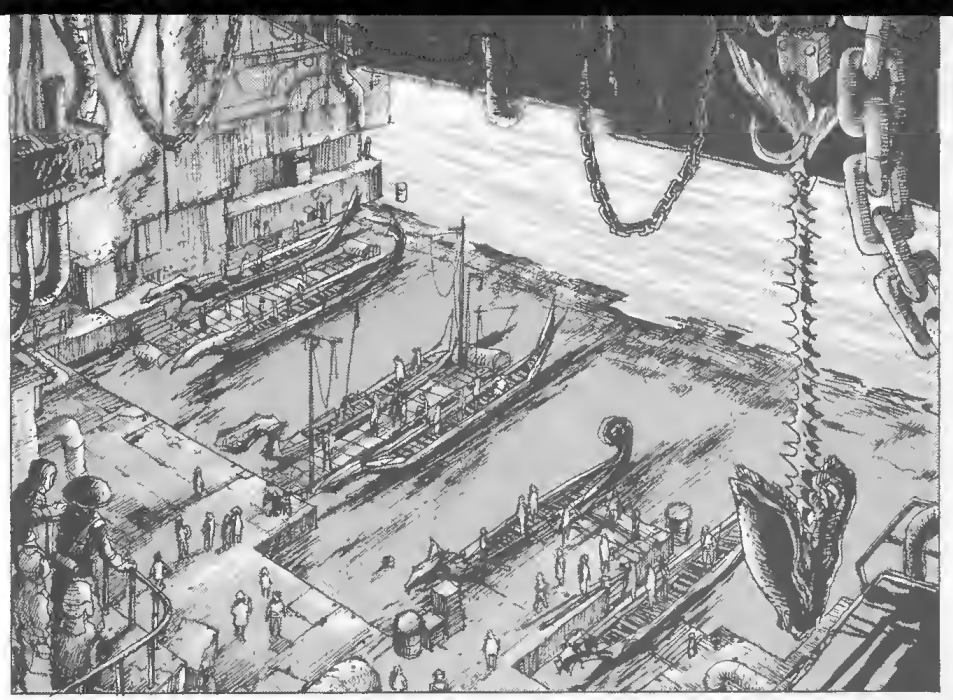

I CAN'T FACE MY FAMILY LIKE THIS...
HUFF... DAMN IT...

OOHH!!
THEY'VE RETURNED!
WHAT'S GOING ON?
OH GOD...

THE SAKAI IS... THE LORD OF THE SAKAI APPEARS TO BE DESERTING US, THE PEOPLE--
YES, ELDER THUNDER.
DO NOT BLASPHEME! WE CAN'T VERY WELL SCOLD THE LORD OF THE SAKAI LIKE THE FLOW OF THE CURRENT...
...LORD LAMAFA THUNDER.
GAIRA. I AM NO LONGER LAMAFA.


...ALL FOLLOW HIS WILL.


THEN IT IS TRUE. ZIZI BRINGS NEWS OF THIS, AS WELL.
THE BLACK CURRENT?
IF THAT IS SO, THEN...
...IS THE APPROACHING BLACK CURRENT ALSO PART OF THE LORD'S PLANS?



KOFF-
UUNGH...

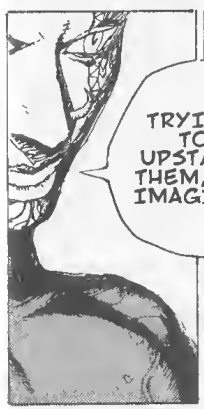
THE HUNTING GROUNDS ARE BARREN, IT SEEMS...
WHAT A WASTE.

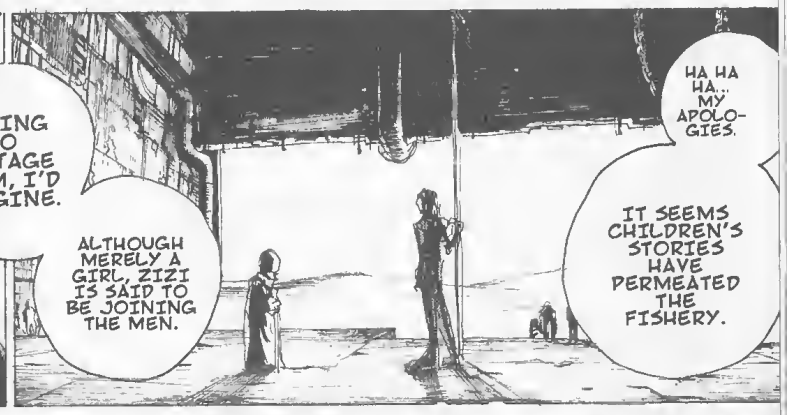
WHAT ON EARTH IS THE MATTER, ELDER THUNDER?
WHAT... IS THIS?

A DEVOURER!!

"MAGIC"?
WHAT "MAGIC"?

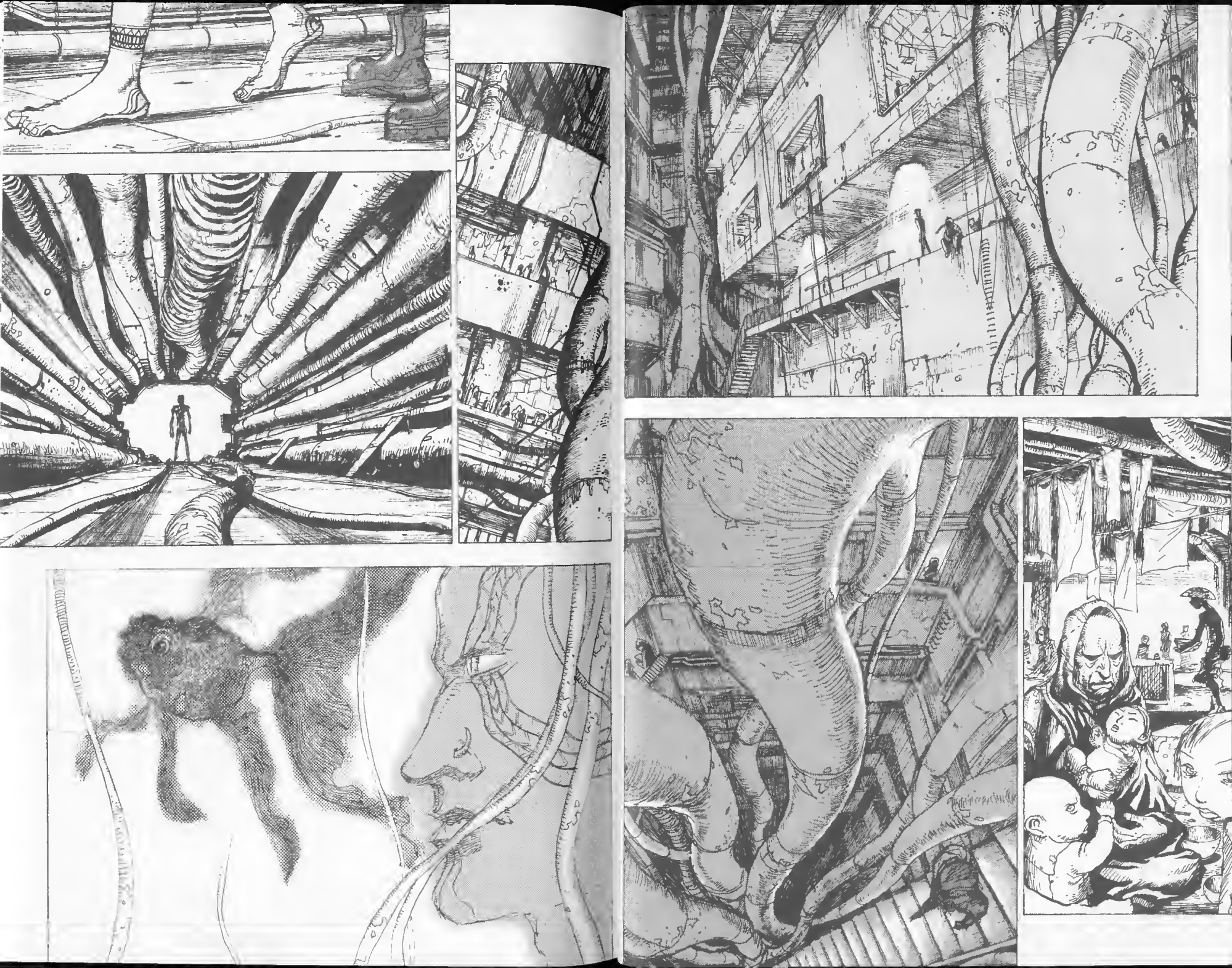
"ZIZI THE MAGIC-USER," YOU MEAN?


TRYING TO UPSTAGE THEM, I'D IMAGINE.

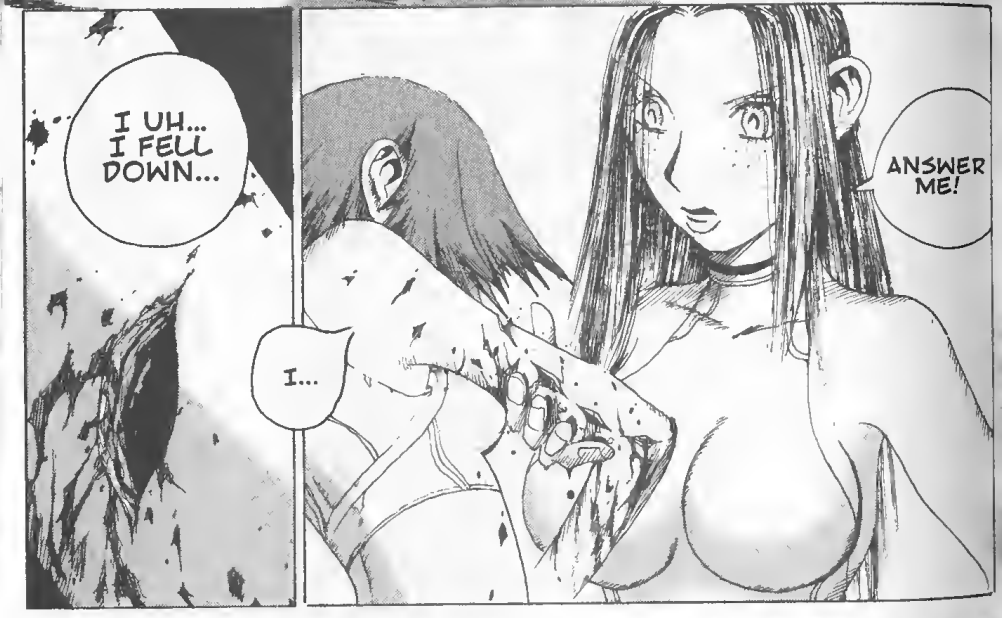

ALTHOUGH MERELY A GIRL, ZIZI IS SAID TO BE JOINING THE MEN.
HA HA HA... MY APOLOGIES.
IT SEEMS CHILDREN'S STORIES HAVE PERMEATED THE FISHERY.

NO HUMAN HAS OR EVER WILL SEE INSIDE THE SAKAI.
WHA-!
WHAT?!

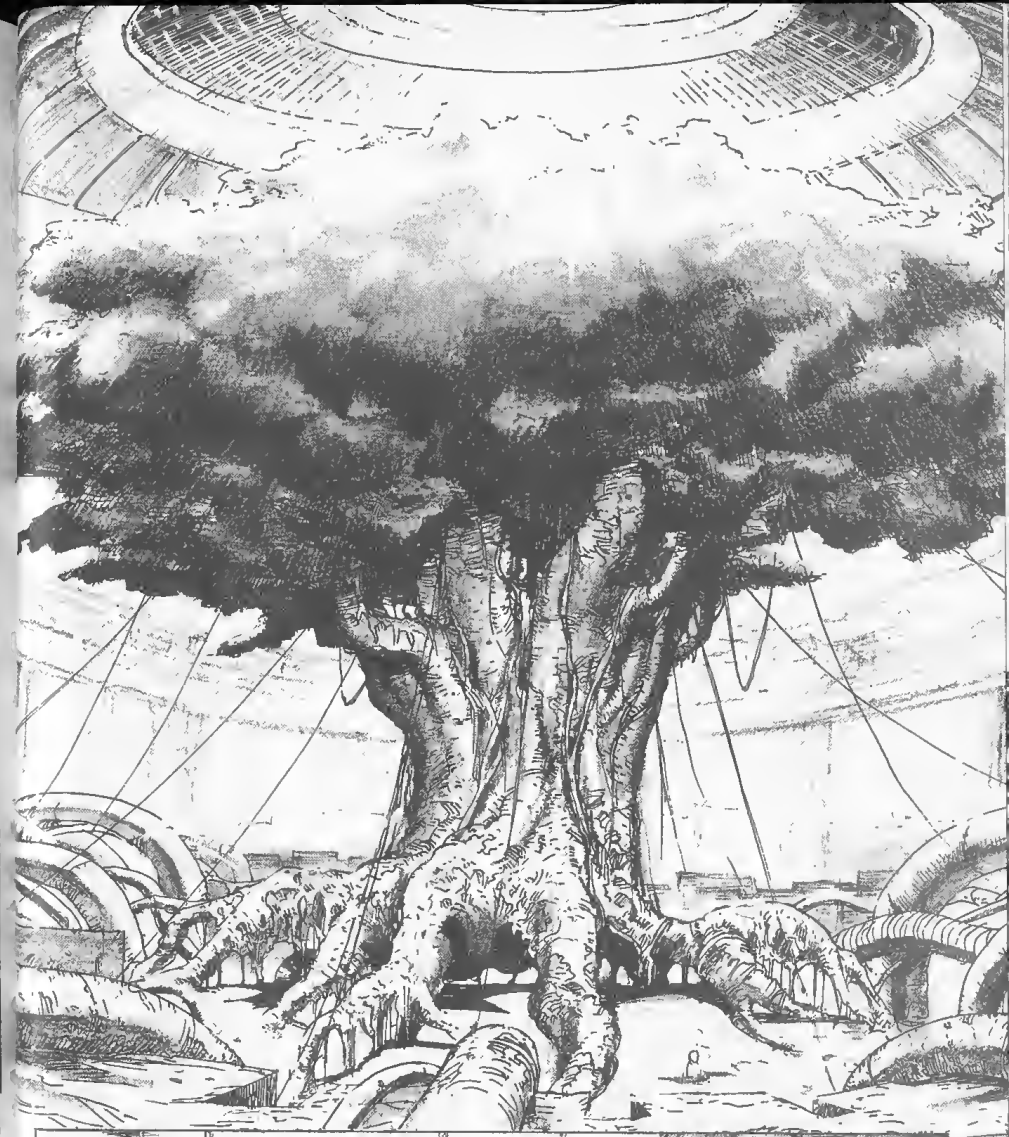
ZIZI SAYS SUCH RIDICULOUS THINGS.
SHE INSISTS ON HAVING SEEN INSIDE OF THE SAKAI.
IT'S SUCH FANTASIES THAT EARN HER THE NICKNAME, "WITCH."



WHAT DO YOU EXPECT?
HOW'D YOU GET THESE HORRIBLE WOUNDS?
ZIZI ...?
THAT REALLY HURTS, NENE.
GEEZ!
OUCH!


I UH... I FELL DOWN...
I...
ANSWER ME!

UH... UH... OVER BY THE...
OH REALLY? WHERE?!

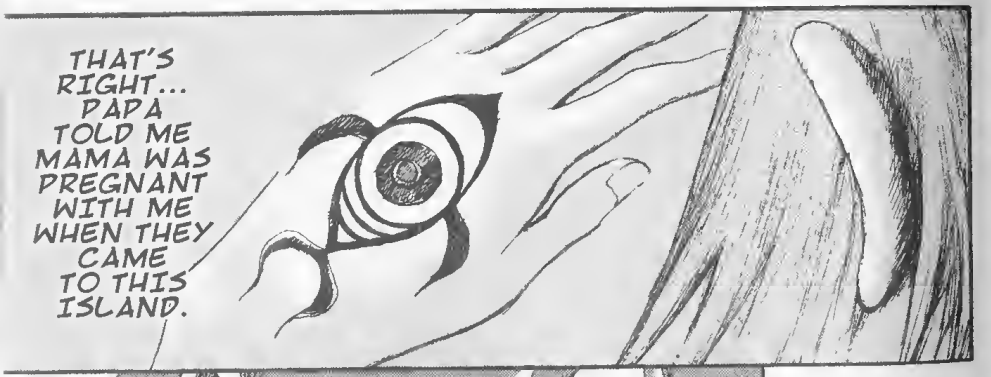


NOT SO TOUGH!
OW!

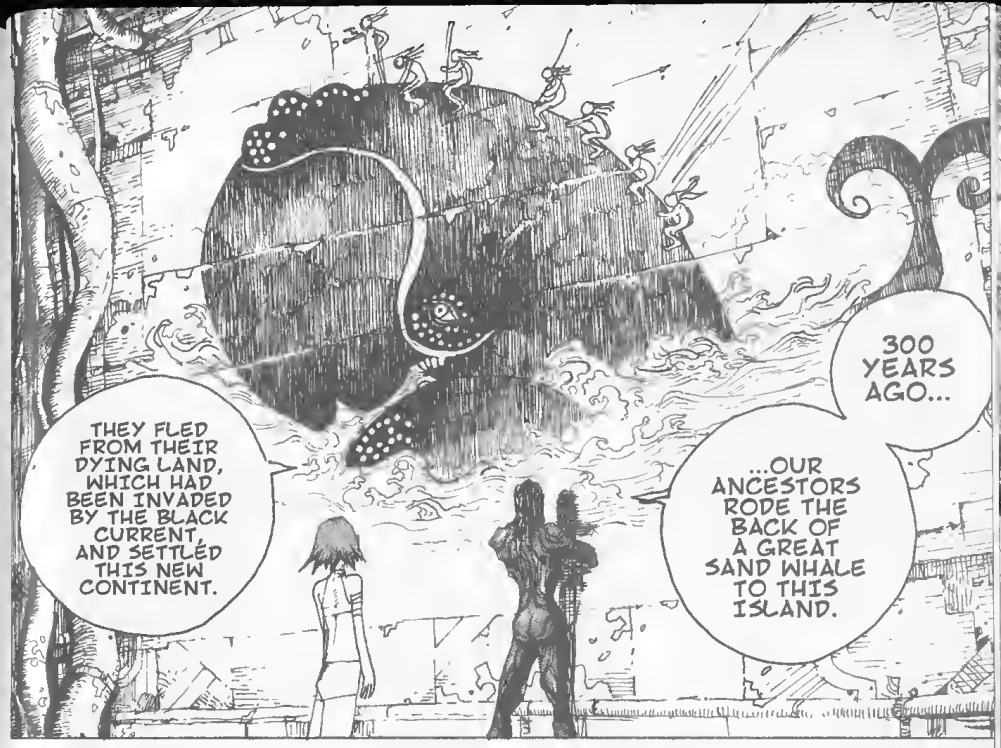
QUIT BEING A BRAT!
YEOWCH!
DON'T MOVE!
IS IT TRUE WHAT THEY SAY, GIRL?
CAN YOU TRULY SEE THE INSIDE OF THE SAKAI?
HUH?

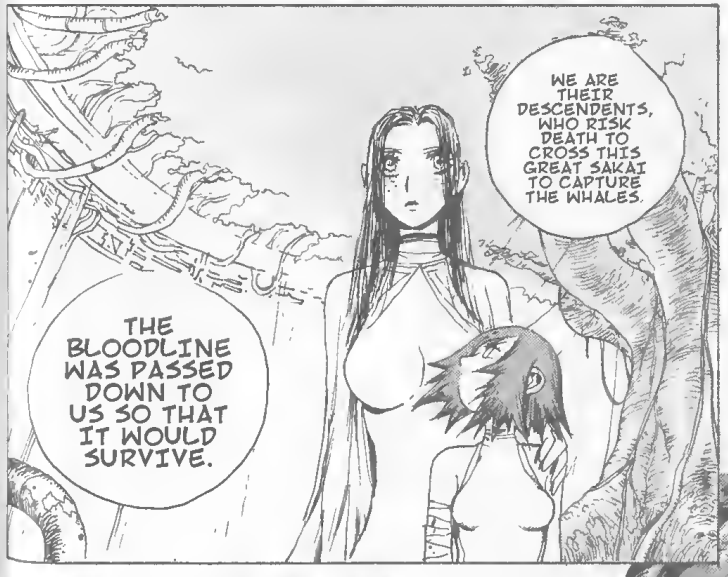
LOOKS TO ME LIKE THE TOOTH-MARKS OF A DEVOURER.
TH-THAT'S RIDI-CULOUS...
HMM.
HI, GAIRA. ♡
ヒュ
WAS IT, ZIZI?
WAS IT REALLY YOU THAT KILLED THE DEVOURER?
SHIT.
WELL, WELL, WELL.

.....
...WHO COULD HOPE TO TRIUMPH OVER A DEVOURER DEEP WITHIN THE SAKAI.
THERE IS NOT A SINGLE PERSON FROM THIS ISLAND...


THAT'S RIGHT... PAPA TOLD ME MAMA WAS PREGNANT WITH ME WHEN THEY CAME TO THIS ISLAND.

YOU ARE... UNIQUE, ZIZI.
I WONDER WHERE IT COULD BE...
BUT HE NEVER TOLD ME WHERE THEY CAME FROM.


THEY FLED FROM THEIR DYING LAND, WHICH HAD BEEN INVADED BY THE BLACK CURRENT, AND SETTLED THIS NEW CONTINENT.
300 YEARS AGO...
...OUR ANCESTORS RODE THE BACK OF A GREAT SAND WHALE TO THIS ISLAND.

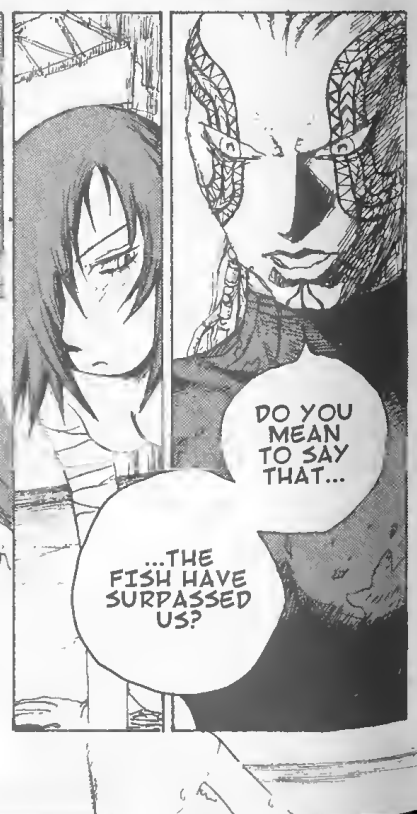

THE BLOODLINE WAS PASSED DOWN TO US SO THAT IT WOULD SURVIVE.
WE ARE THEIR DESCENDENTS, WHO RISK DEATH TO CROSS THIS GREAT SAKAI TO CAPTURE THE WHALES.

BUT YOU, ZIZI... YOU ARE DIFFERENT.

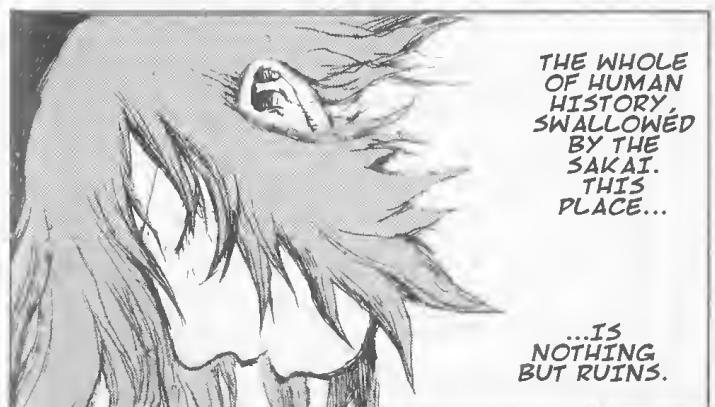
ON THIS ISLAND, THE "TREE OF HOPE" WAS PLANTED... AND PROTECTED.

LIFE BURNS SO MUCH STRONGER IN THE DEPTHS... THAN ON THE SURFACE.

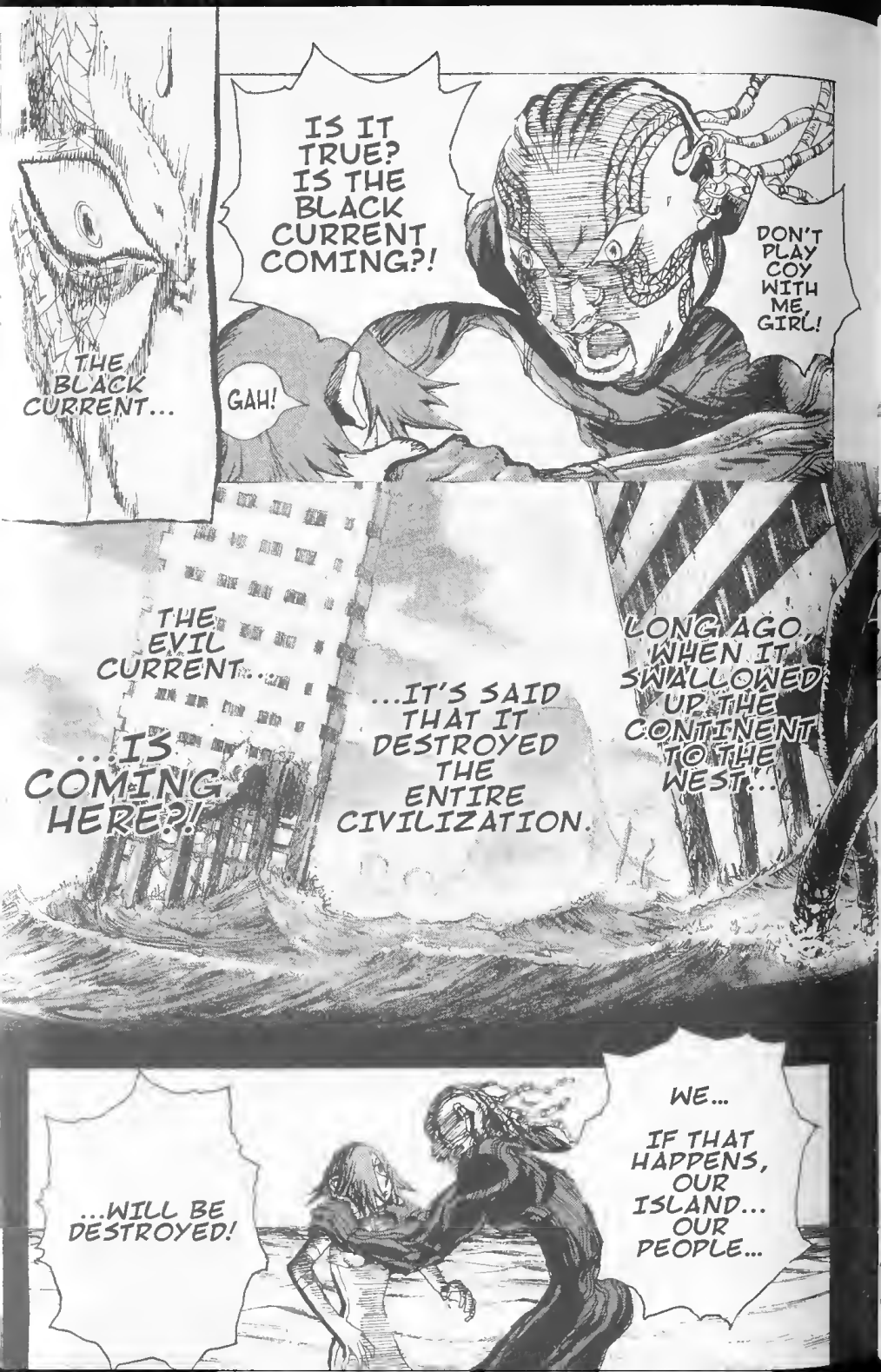
I'M SAYING HUMANS ARE NO LONGER TOP O' THE FOOD CHAIN. EAT OR BE EATEN!


DO YOU MEAN TO SAY THAT...
...THE FISH HAVE SURPASSED US?

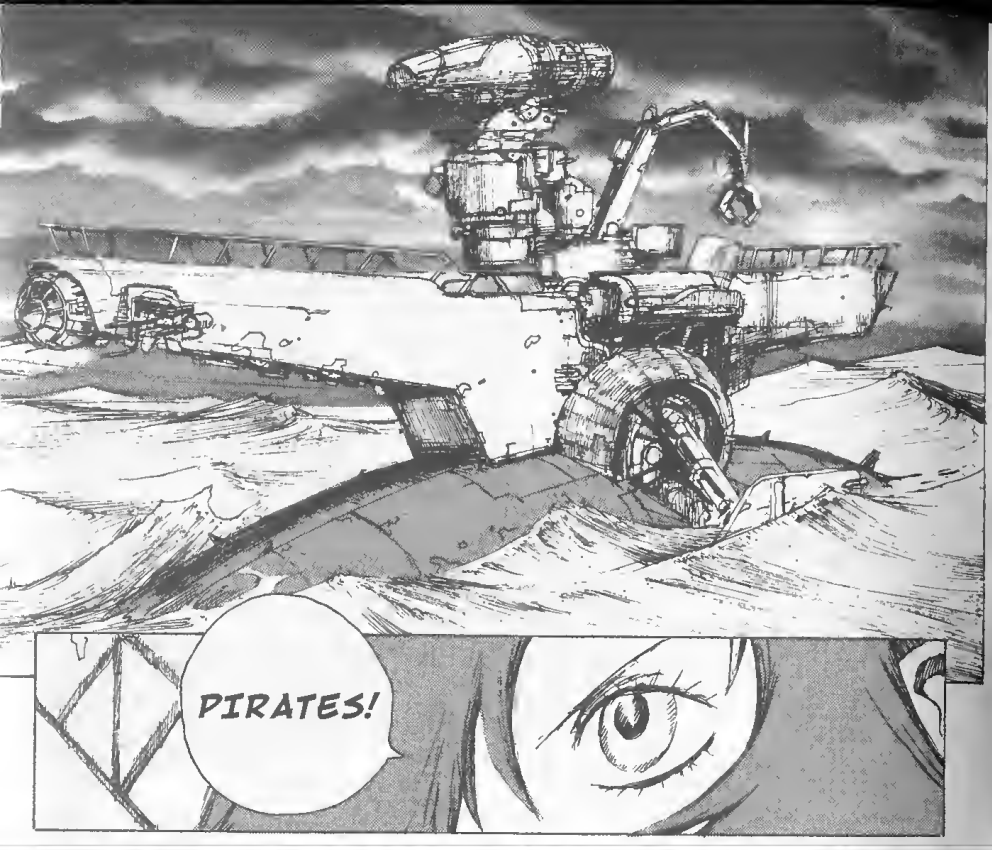
YET INSIDE ITS FRIGID DEPTH, THERE IS A FIERCELY BURNING LIFE FORCE.
THE FLOW OF HOT BLOOD...
...THE SCHOOLS OF SANDFISH.


THE WHOLE OF HUMAN HISTORY, SWALLOWED BY THE SAKAI. THIS PLACE...
...IS NOTHING BUT RUINS.

IT'S COLD...
...THE FLOW OF THE SAND.


THE BLACK CURRENT...
IS IT TRUE? IS THE BLACK CURRENT COMING?!
GAH!
DON'T PLAY COY WITH ME, GIRL!
THE EVIL CURRENT... ...IS COMING HERE?!
...IT'S SAID THAT IT DESTROYED THE ENTIRE CIVILIZATION.
LONG AGO, WHEN IT SWALLOWED UP THE CONTINENT TO THE WEST...
...WILL BE DESTROYED!
WE... IF THAT HAPPENS, OUR ISLAND... OUR PEOPLE...

WE'LL SHOW YOU HOW GREAT OUR APPETITE CAN BE!
WELL BRING IT ON, YOU BASTARDS! WE'LL TAKE THE FIRST BITE!
HEH HEH HEH HEH HEH HEH!
?
HEE HEE.
YOU'VE NO IDEA WHO I AM!
DOES YOUR MAGIC ALSO LET YOU SEE INTO THE BLACK CURRENT?
YOU'LL GET A TASTE OF JUST HOW WICKED THE GREAT ZIZI CAN BE.
WHY?
YOU COULD SAY THAT...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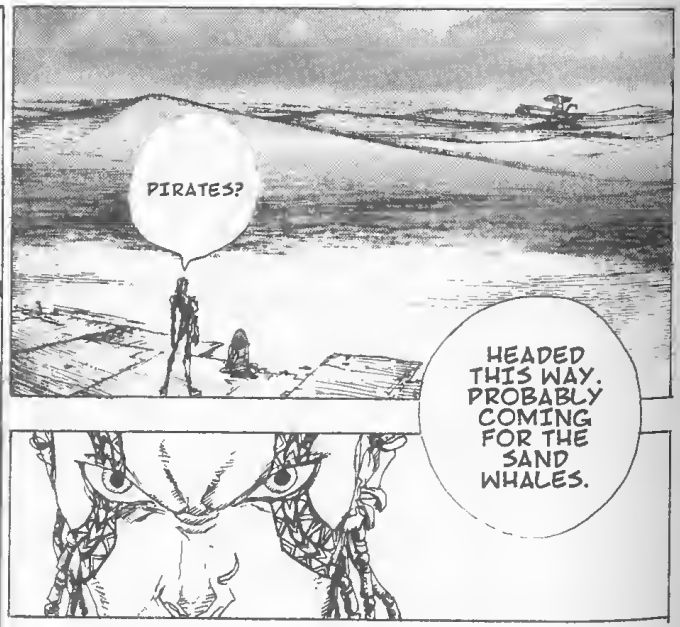
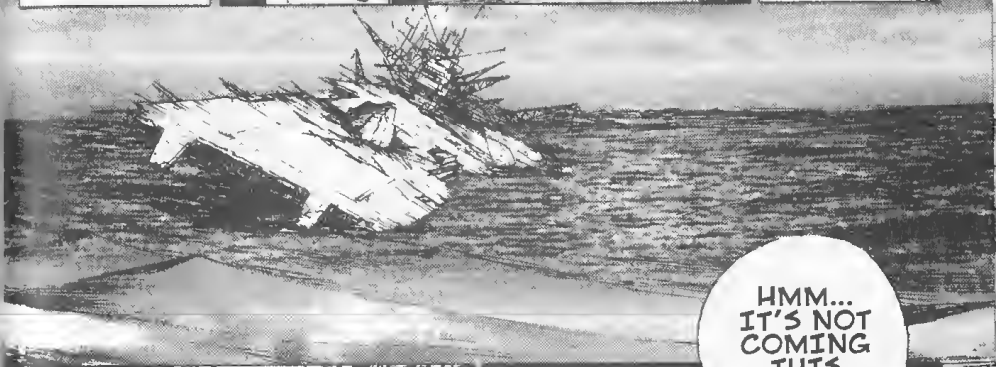
CAPTAIN SUV, WE HAVE VISUAL CONTACT WITH...
...THE ISLAND OF GREAT BOUNTY!


PIRATES?
HEADED THIS WAY. PROBABLY COMING FOR THE SAND WHALES.

HE THINKS I'M JUST A CHILD. HE DOESN'T BELIEVE A WORD I'M SAYING.
WHAT CAN I EXPECT? HE HOLDS THE LIVES OF THE ISLANDERS IN HIS HANDS, WHY SHOULD HE BELIEVE A KID LIKE ME?
THE LAST TIME I FELT THE BLACK CURRENT, I WAS ON LIGHTHOUSE ISLAND TO THE WEST. THAT'S 10 KILOMETERS AWAY.
10 KILOMETERS ...? HOW CAN YOU BE SURE?
GAIRA, YOU'RE HURTING ME.

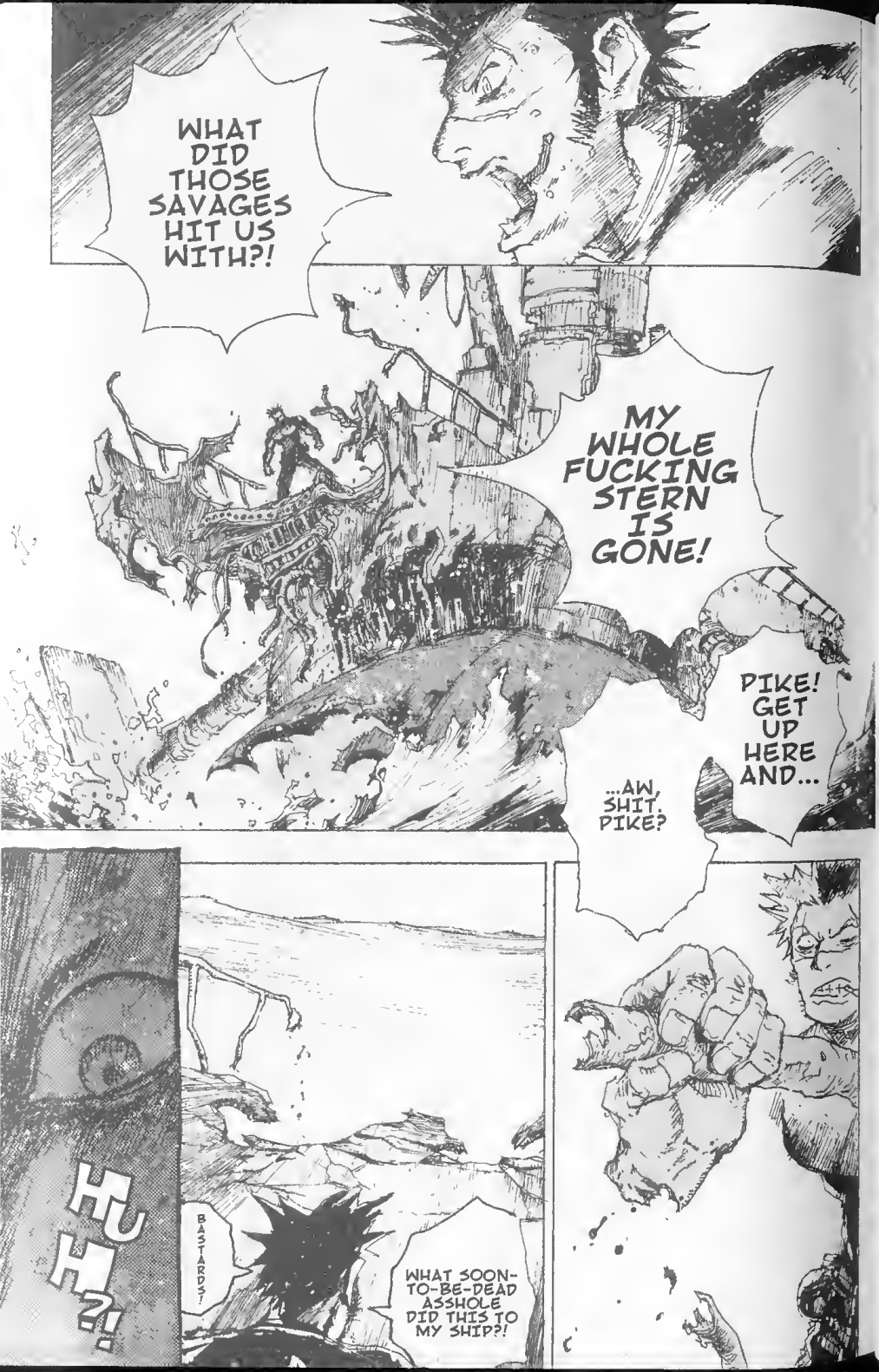


WHAT DO YOU SEE? IS IT THE BLACK CURRENT?
...HUH?
NO. IT'S... THEM!

HMM... IT'S NOT COMING THIS WAY.
BUT I CAN'T SEE EVERYTHING... THERE'S SOMETHING...

OH!
GAIRA!
THEY'RE ALMOST HERE!
WHAT THE --?!

LET'S DO A LITTLE SIGHTSEEING BEFORE WE GET THE NATIVES ALL RILED UP, HMM?
DENIED. AT EASE, NICO. THERE'S SUPPOSED TO BE A SAVAGE TRIBE ON THAT ISLAND.
PERMISSION TO LAND, CAPTAIN?
...I'LL CUT YOU STEM TO STERN AND LAY YOU OUT FOR THE DUNE SQUIBS TO PICK AT.
I'LL LET THAT ONE GO, WOLF. BUT QUESTION ORDERS ON MY SHIP AGAIN...
WAIDA-MINUTE, CAP'N...
WHAT'D YOU MEAN "A LITTLE SIGHTSEEING"? WE'LL LOSE THE ELEMENT O' SURPRISE!
WE JUST GONNA SAIL ABOUT WHILE THEY DIG IN TO DEFEND THEMSELVES?


WHAT DID THOSE SAVAGES HIT US WITH?!
MY WHOLE FUCKING STERN IS GONE!
PIKE! GET UP HERE AND...
...AW, SHIT. PIKE?
HUH?!
BASTARDS!
WHAT SOON-TO-BE-DEAD ASSHOLE DID THIS TO MY SHIP?!

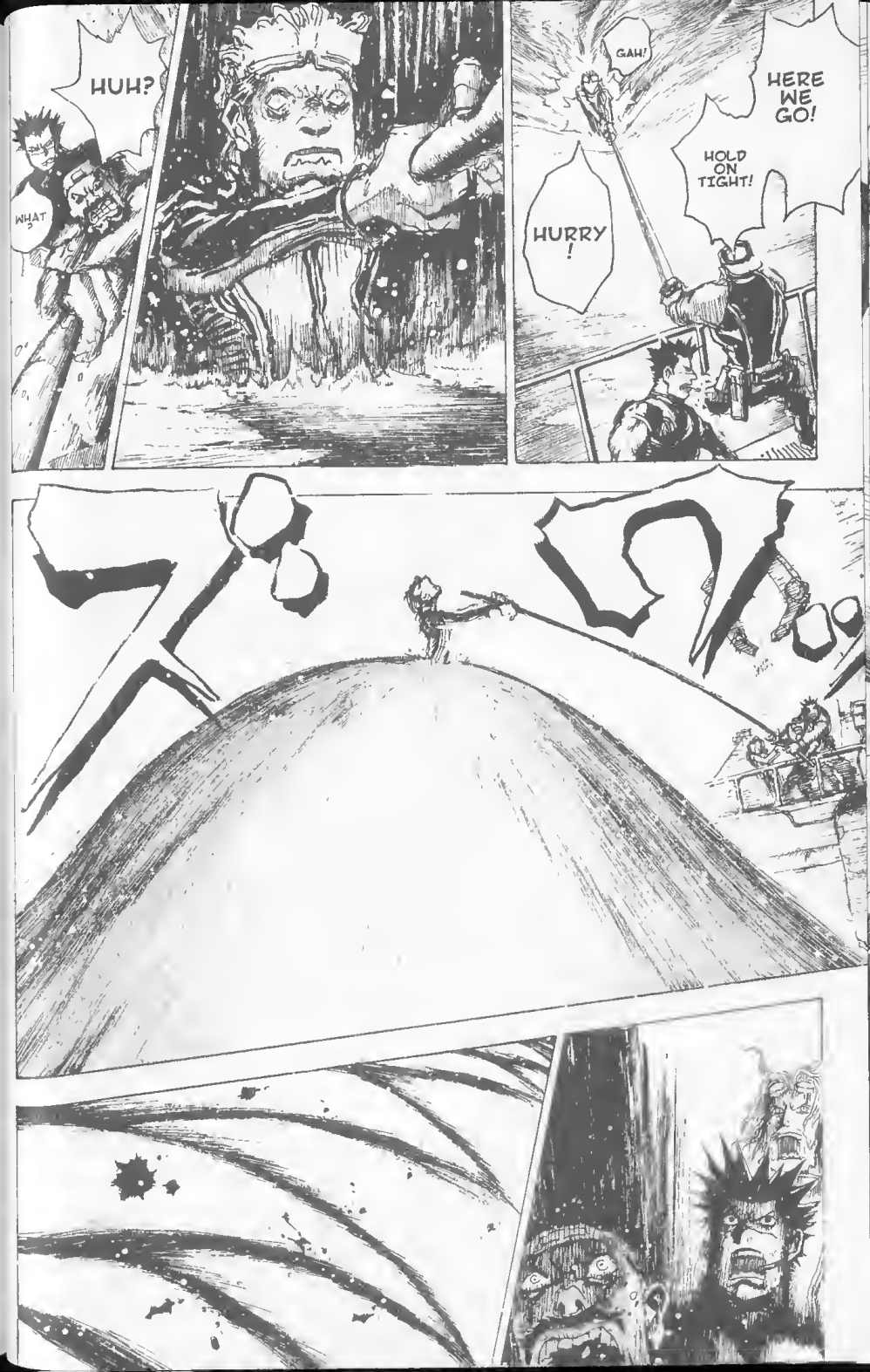
THE HELL ...?!
CAPTAIN! ARE WE UNDER ATTACK?
SHIT!
SOMETHING HIT THE SHIP'S STERN!
ALL HANDS TO THEIR STATIONS! DAMAGE REPORT!
WHAT JUST HIT US?!

COUGH!
CAPTAIN! SAVE US!
COUGH!
IDIOTS!
HURRY! GRAB ONTO THE SHIP!
GWAAH!
THAT'S IT! I'M NOT LETTING THAT THING TEAR UP MY CREW.
WELL, MAYBE WOLF.
C'MON !!

LEVIATHAN !!
L--

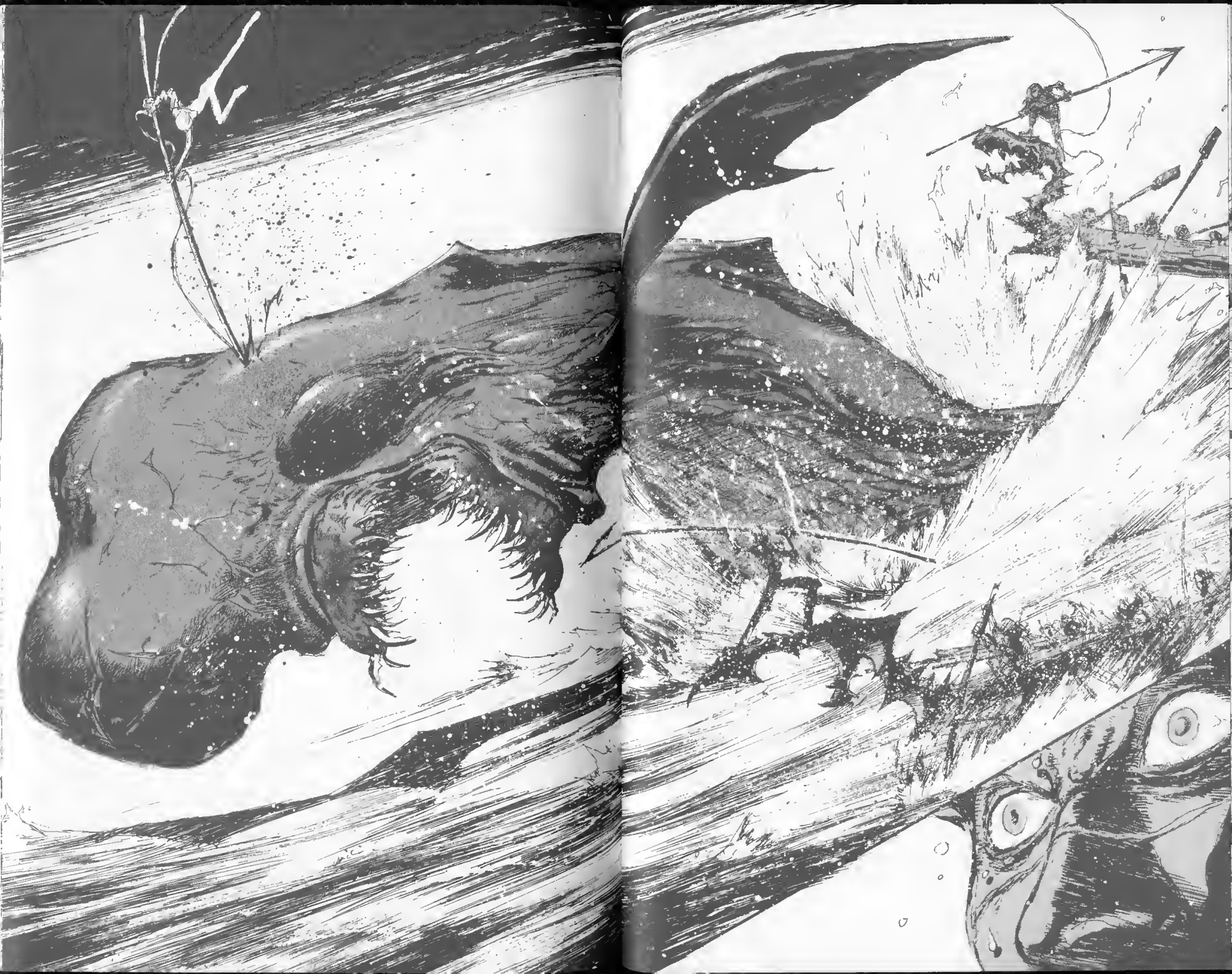
SHOW YOURSELF!
COME ON!
SHIT!
DID I JUST PISS IT OFF?
COME OUT AND FACE ME!
HELP ME!!
CAPTAIN, MEN OVERBOARD!
THEN DO SOMETHING! I'M A LITTLE BUSY HERE...

HYAAA!


HUH?
WHAT?
GAH!
HERE WE GO!
HOLD ON TIGHT!
HURRY!

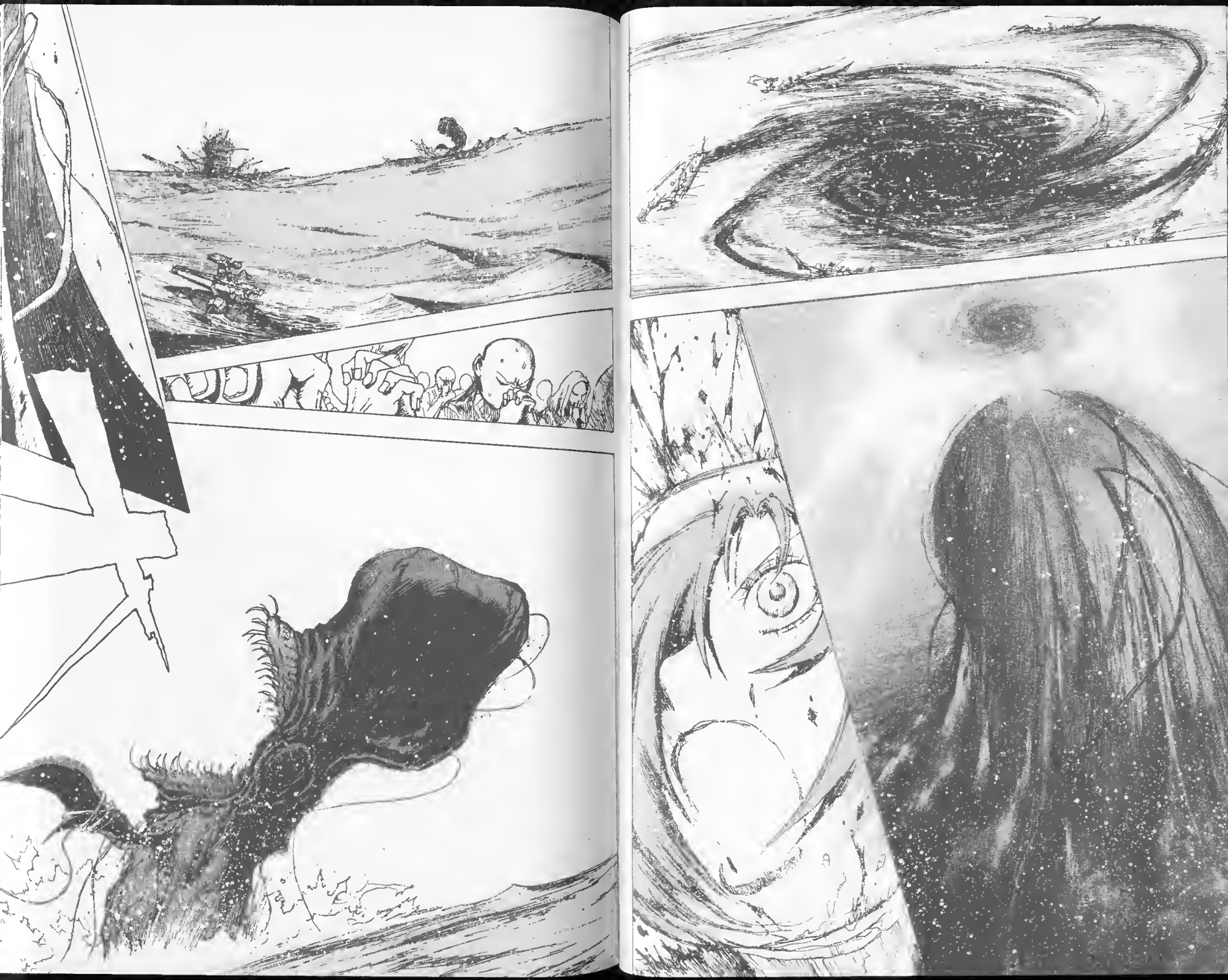
WHO'S ON TOP OF THE FOOD-CHAIN NOW, BITCH?!

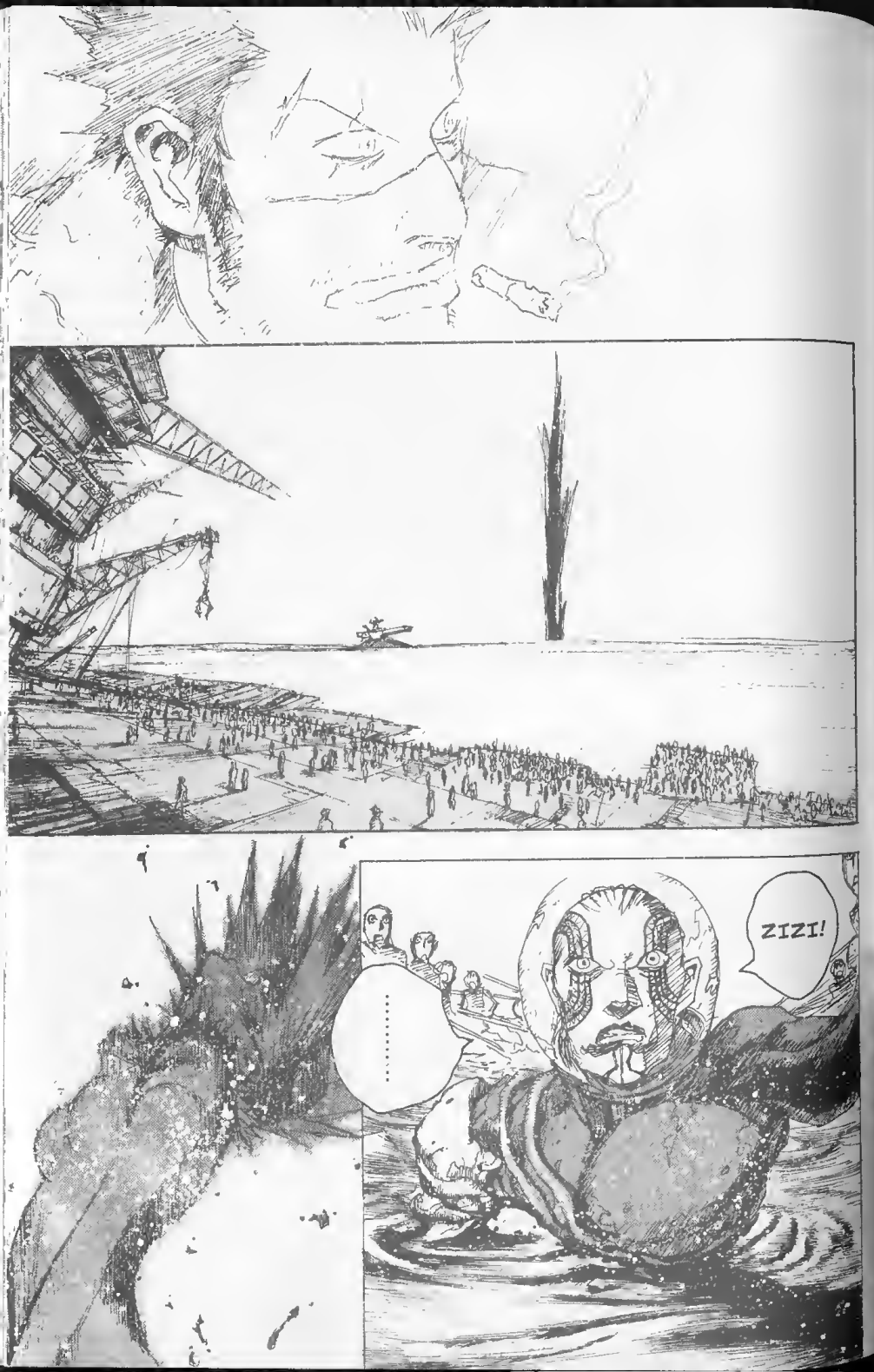
DAMN YOU TO HELL!
AAGGH4!
WHA...?



NO WAY...
TRYING TO TAKE A LEVIATHAN WITH A SINGLE HARPOON?!
SHE'S GOTTA BE CRAZY!
SHE...
CAPTAIN...
...WHO... WHO IS THAT GIRL?
THEY'RE DEAD MEAT! IT'S IMPOSSIBLE!
THESE SAVAGES GOT A DEATH WISH OR SOMETHIN'?

ZIZI!
IT'S DIVING!
DAMN IT!




ZIZI!
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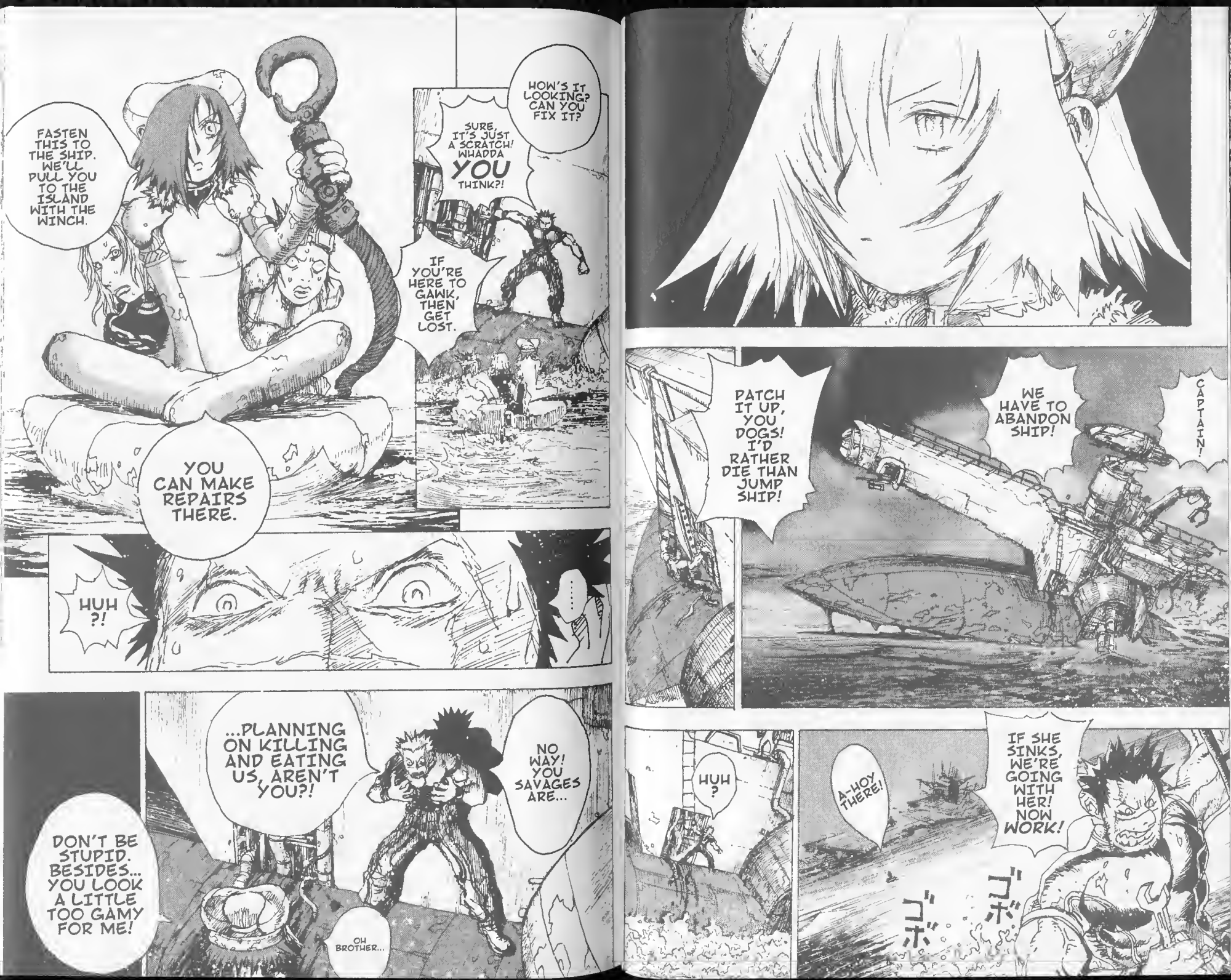
THIS ISLAND'S A BIT MORE THAN I BARGAINED FOR.
WHAT DO WE DO NOW, CAPTAIN?
SON OF A BITCH...
WE'RE SINKING!
THIS IS ALL THAT PINK-HAIRED BRAT'S FAULT!
THE OIL WON'T STOP LEAKING!
SHIT!
ZIZI!

LOOKS LIKE I PICKED THE WRONG WEEK TO STOP DRINKIN'!
YOU GOTTA BE KIDDIN' ME!
NOT THAT I WAS GONNA...

THANK GOD... ZIZI...
THANK GOD YOU'RE OKAY...
I'M NOT CRYING OUT OF SADNESS, SILLY.
DON'T CALL ME THAT.
JEEZ!
QUIT BLUBBERING. THERE'S NOTHING TO CRY ABOUT!
OH, FOR--
...THE LAMAFA ZIZI!
ZIZI...
...YOU HAVE BECOME A TRUE WHALE-HUNTRESS...

EASY, NENE!
GET OFFA ME...
I CAN'T BREATHE!
WHOA!
YOU IDIOT!!
WH-WHAT?


FASTEN THIS TO THE SHIP. WE'LL PULL YOU TO THE ISLAND WITH THE WINCH.
HOW'S IT LOOKING? CAN YOU FIX IT?
SURE, IT'S JUST A SCRATCH! WHADDA YOU THINK?!
IF YOU'RE HERE TO GAWK, THEN GET LOST.
YOU CAN MAKE REPAIRS THERE.
HUH ?!
.....
PATCH IT UP, YOU DOGS! I'D RATHER DIE THAN JUMP SHIP!
WE HAVE TO ABANDON SHIP!
CAPTAIN!
DON'T BE STUPID. BESIDES... YOU LOOK A LITTLE TOO GAMY FOR ME!
...PLANNING ON KILLING AND EATING US, AREN'T YOU?!
NO WAY! YOU SAVAGES ARE...
OH BROTHER...
HUH ?
A-HOY THERE!
IF SHE SINKS, WE'RE GOING WITH HER! NOW WORK!
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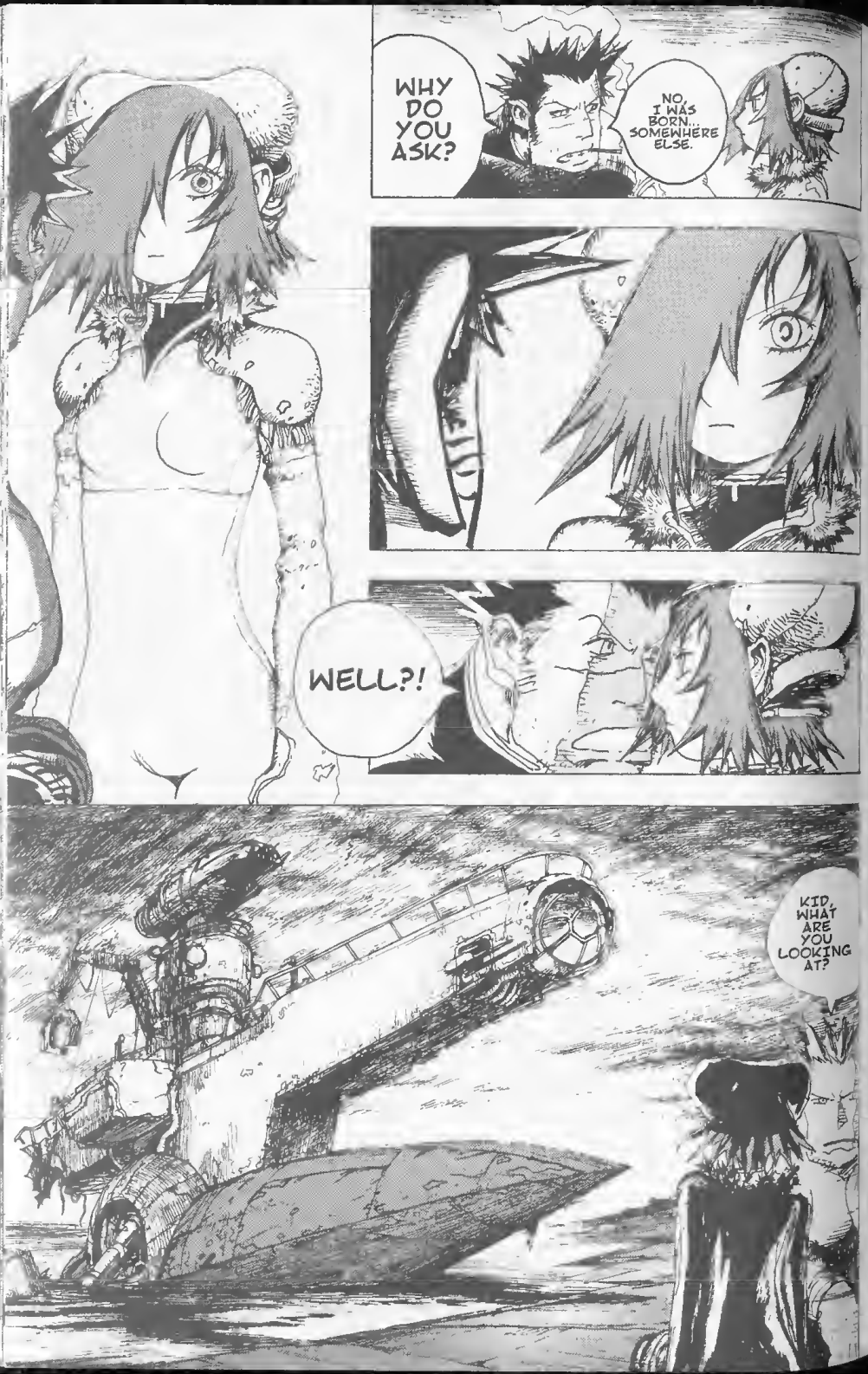
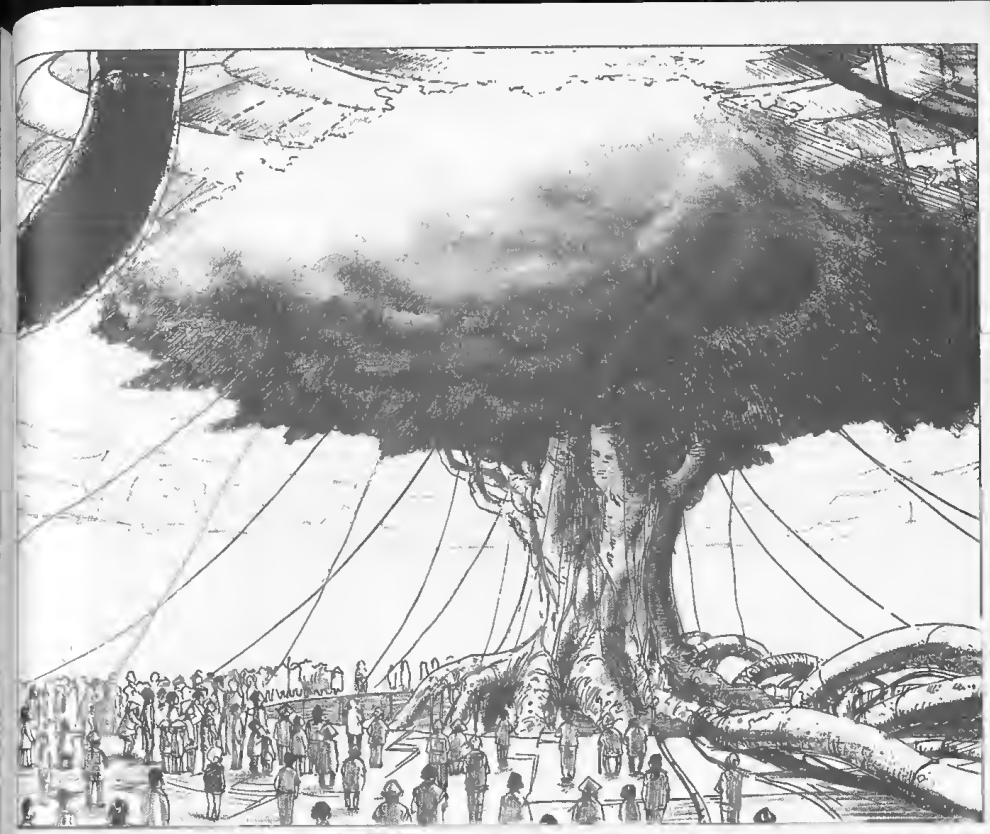
AND WHAT ARE YOU SUPPOSED TO BE, EH?
"FOR US"? WHAT'S THAT ALL ABOUT?
HMPH!
WE HAVE NO INTENTION OF HANDING OVER THE WHALES TO PIRATES.
AND WHERE DO YOU GET OFF DECIDING THAT THE LEVIATHANS BELONG TO ANYONE?
I DON'T SEE YOUR NAME WRITTEN ON THEM. S'POSE I JUST DECIDE TO TAKE THEM?
FOR US, THE WHALES ARE OUR BLOOD... OUR BODY... OUR SOULS.

US?! I WOULDN'T PUT IT THAT WAY, BUT...
ARE YOU THE PIRATE OF GOOD FORTUNE THAT BROUGHT US THE WHALE?
AND FEED US, TOO!
AREN'T WE LUCKY? THEY'RE GOING TO GIVE US OIL AND FIX OUR ENGINES.
...AS THE TRIBE ELDER, PLEASE ALLOW ME TO OFFER YOU OUR HOSPITALITY.
SIR PIRATE...
.....
YEAH! THAT'S US, BRINGERS OF GOOD FORTUNE..
I CAME HERE FOR THE WHALES.
THIS ISLAND'S S'POSED TO BE BRIMMING WITH WHALES. SURELY, YOU'VE GOT ENOUGH TO SELL.
UH, THAT'S... "AGGRESSIVELY PERSUASIVE MERCHANT."
CON-CERNING SIR PIRATE--

...FOR THOSE WHO WERE KILLED IN BATTLE.
THE FUNERALS WILL BE STARTING SOON...
SAVAGES!
WHAT? YOU'RE SAYING THE SAKAI ISN'T A FIT BURIAL GROUND FOR HUMANS?
...ON THE SHORE, TO GIVE REST TO THEIR SOULS.
THEY'LL BE BURIED LIKE HUMANS SHOULD BE...

BOTH OF YOU, CALM DOWN!
THIS ISN'T THE TIME OR PLACE!
ENOUGH!


WHY DO YOU ASK?
NO, I WAS BORN... SOMEWHERE ELSE.
WELL?!
KID, WHAT ARE YOU LOOKING AT?

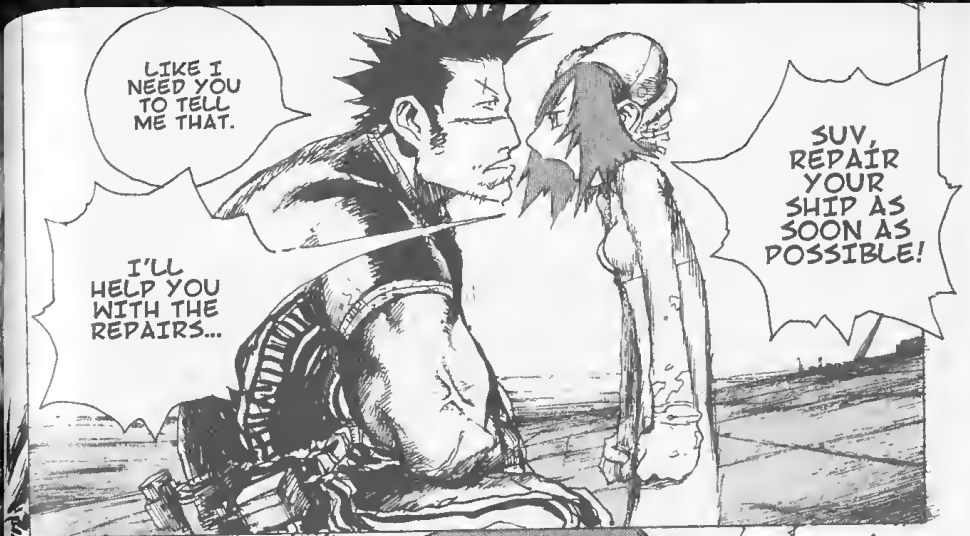


HEY, MR. PIRATE. WHERE ARE YOU FROM?
I TOLD YOU, I'M NOT A PIRATE. AND THE NAME'S SUV.

IS THAT WHERE YOU WERE BORN?
A SEA TO THE SOUTH... A LONG WAY FROM HERE.

HMMM.
I CAN'T WAIT TO GET OFF THIS DAMN ISLAND.

THIS IS TOO BIZARRE.



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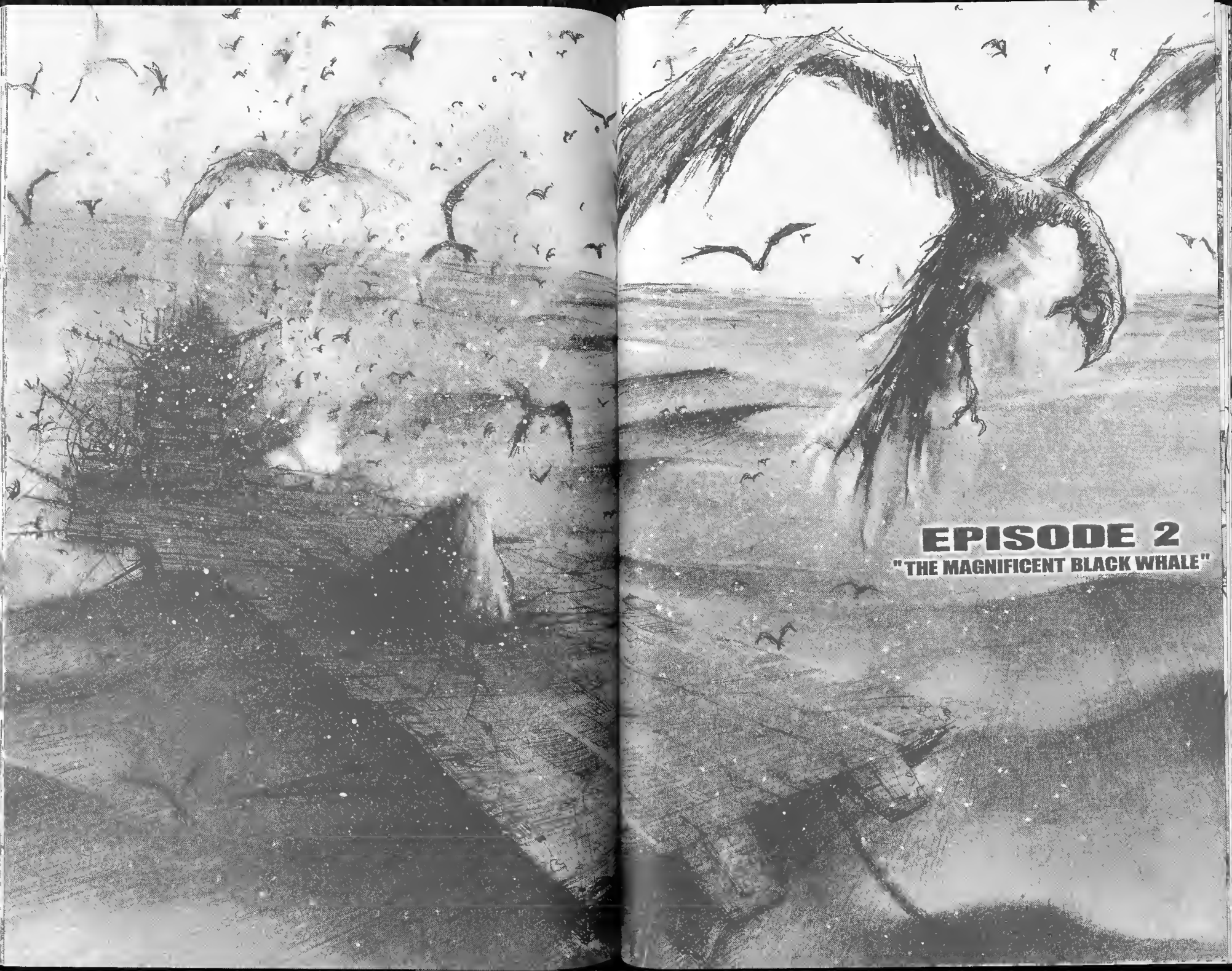
Episode 1 End

ZIZI The witch with pink hair

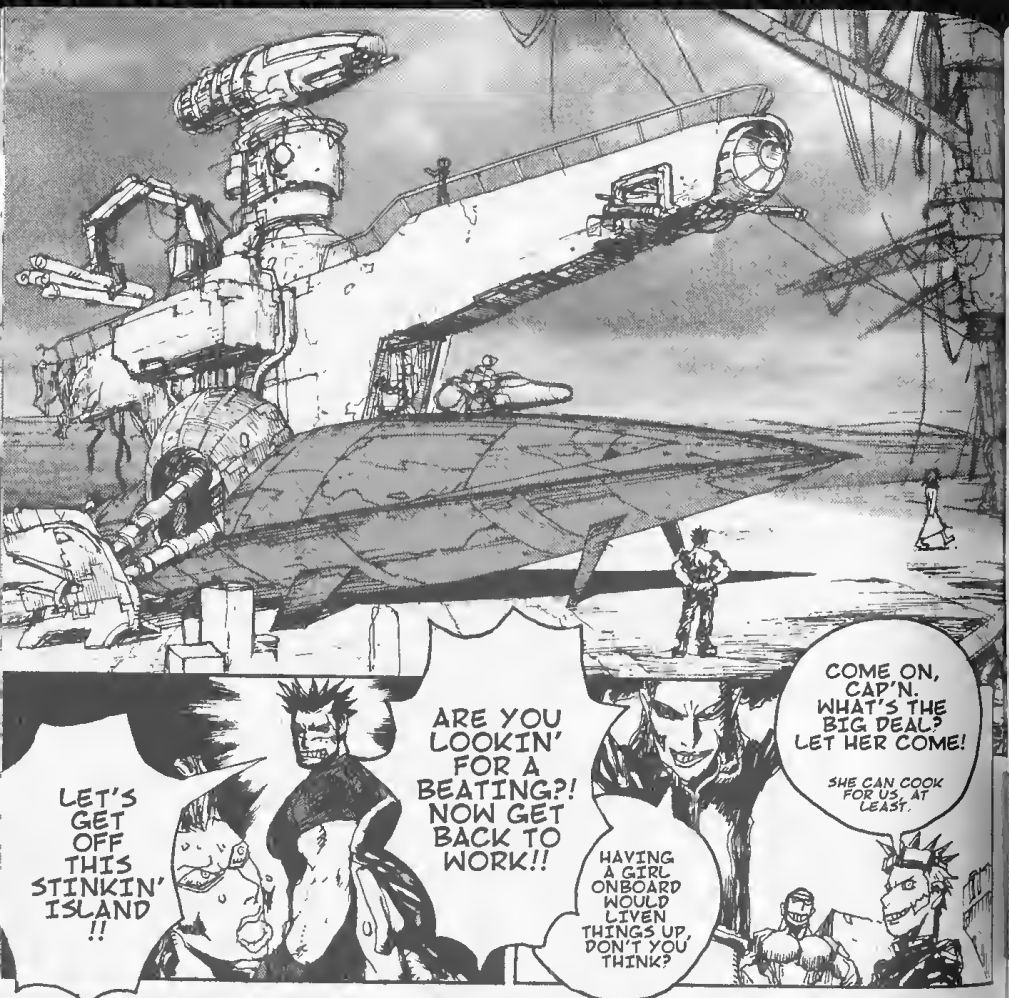
LET US RETURN TO OUR ORIGINS ONCE AGAIN!

THE LORD OF THE SAKAI GIVES HIS BLESSINGS TO YOU...
...AND TO ALL LIVING CREATURES ON THIS EARTH!
...WE RETURN YOUR HEART, THAT YOU MAY BE RESURRECTED!
IN A TOKEN OF GRATITUDE FOR THE RIGHT TO USE WHAT THE SAKAI BESTOWED UPON US...

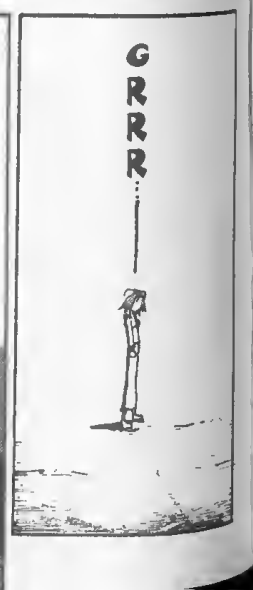

EPISODE 2
"THE MAGNIFICENT BLACK WHALE"

THIS IS THE SECOND TIME THAT BRAT ZIZI'S COME UP HERE.
...SHIT.
ISN'T THAT WHAT YOU WANT? WHALES?
A SHAME. I'D HAVE CAUGHT LOTS OF WHALES FOR YOU.
THINK SHE'S GOT THE HOTS FOR THE CAP'N?
GET BACK TO WORK, YOU LUGS!
AND AS FOR YOU, LITTLE GIRL...
...YOU ONLY CAUGHT THAT WHALE BY DUMB LUCK.
LUCK?

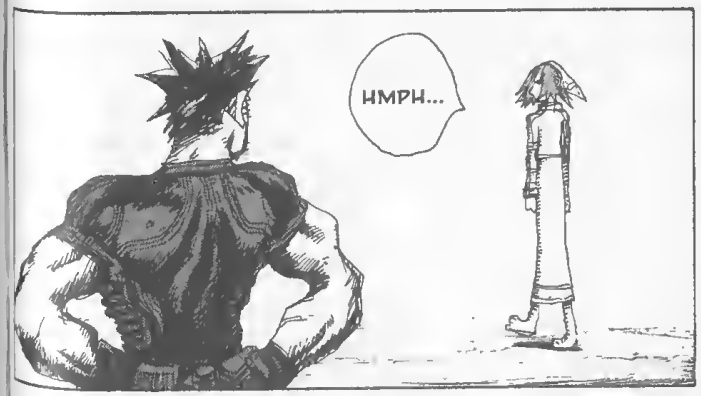
WHADDAYA THINK YOU'RE DOING HERE, LITTLE SISTER?
I TOLD YOU... I'M GOING WITH YOU.
THE NAME'S ZIZI.
DON'T START THAT CRAP AGAIN!
I'M A BUSY MAN... NO TIME FOR BABYSITTIN'!
AND THERE AIN'T NO WAY IN HELL I'M LETTING YOU ON MY SHIP!


LET'S GET OFF THIS STINKIN' ISLAND !!
ARE YOU LOOKIN' FOR A BEATING?! NOW GET BACK TO WORK!!
HAVING A GIRL ONBOARD WOULD LIVEN THINGS UP, DON'T YOU THINK?
COME ON, CAP'N. WHAT'S THE BIG DEAL? LET HER COME!
SHE CAN COOK FOR US, AT LEAST.

PSH.
WOULDN'T BE ANYTHIN' BUT BAD LUCK.


GRRR...

YOU WERE CHUM UNTIL I STEPPED UP AND SAVED YOUR ASS.
LUCKIEST DAY OF YOUR WORTHLESS LIFE.
YOU NEED ME, AND YOU KNOW IT.


HMPH...

HMPH! I THOUGHT SHE'D PUT UP MORE OF A FIGHT...
THAT'S IT?

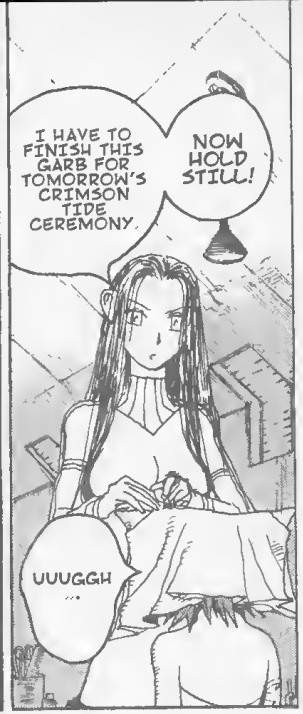
KID...
...THERE IS NO WAY IN HELL I'M LETTIN' YOU ON MY SHIP.
DAMN... SHE'S JUST A KID... BUT IF LOOKS COULD KILL!

NOW THAT IS ONE BIG SOM'BITCH.
AHOY, GAIRA!
NEED A HAND?
WORKING HARD, EH? SUCH A DEVOTED GENERAL. YOU GUYS ARE REALLY ON TOP OF THINGS, AREN'TCHA?
EH?
WHY DON'T YOU JOIN US?
I COULD USE A GOOD DECK SWABBER.
I DON'T CONSORT WITH PIRATES! REPAIR YOUR SHIP AND BE ON YOUR WAY.

YOU'RE STARTING TO SOUND LIKE GAIRA.
HONESTLY! THAT'S ONLY SOMETHING A WHALE-HUNTER WOULD SAY.
DO I HAVE TO DO THIS STUPID CEREMONY?
IT'S TOO FLOWY AND KINDA SEE-THROUGH...
IS THERE NO ESCAPE FROM THIS TORMENT?
SIGH...
...YOU ARE GOING TO BEAR SEVEN CHILDREN, ZIZI.
I HAVE FORE-SEEN

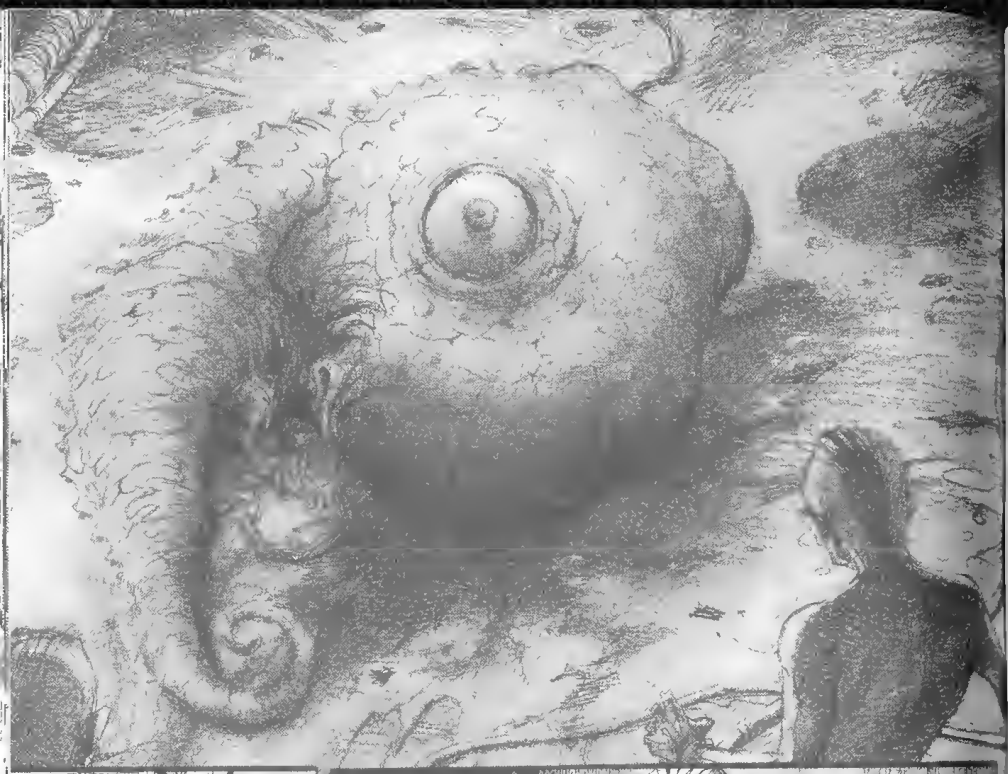
THOSE ARE SIGNS THAT OUR LITTLE ZIZI IS BECOMING A WOMAN.
OR COULD IT BE...

ER...
NENE! MY BELLY... HURTS...
I FEEL ALL HEAVY... AND SLEEPY... AND I CAN'T EAT ANYTHING...
I'M GONNA BE SICK...


I HAVE TO FINISH THIS GARB FOR TOMORROW'S CRIMSON TIDE CEREMONY.
NOW HOLD STILL!
UUUGGH...

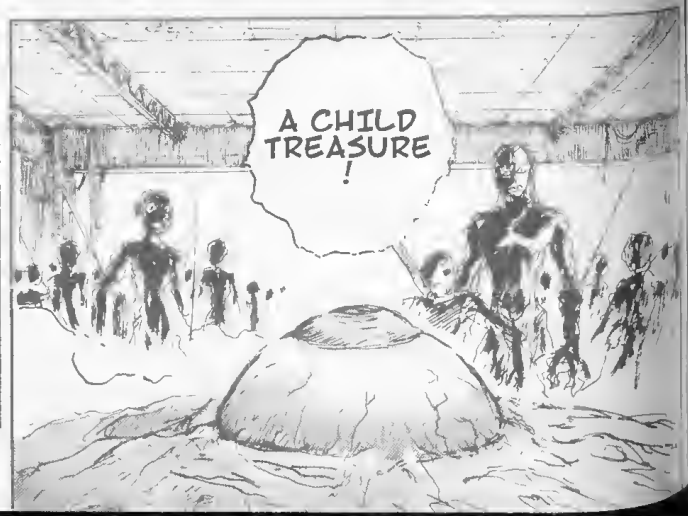
ZIZI.
I'M SO PROUD! WHEN YOU COMPLETE THE CEREMONY, YOU SHALL TRULY BECOME A WOMAN.
GRAMMA...
BUT...

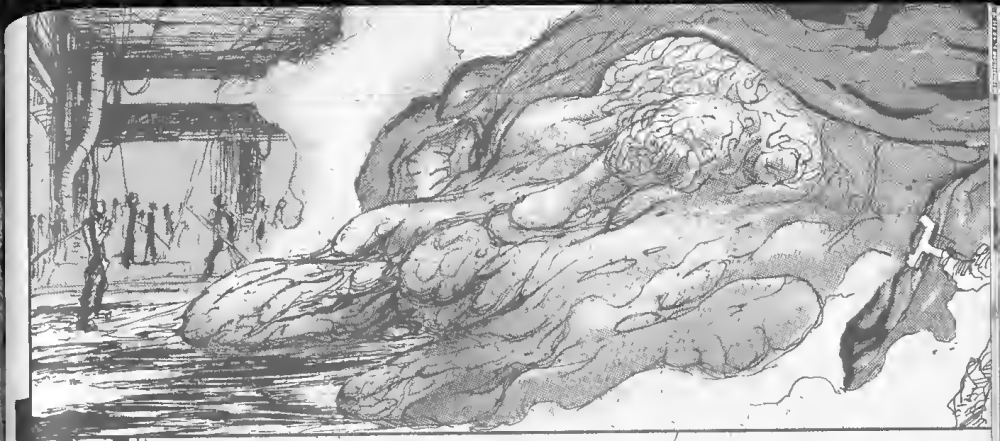
...THAT IT WAS BACK THEN, WHEN YOU--?
YOU CAN'T SAY THAT FOR SURE....



WHO PUKED THAT UP?!
YOU GUYS EAT THIS KIND OF SHIT?
WHA--?!

WHAT IS THIS DOING HERE?!
WHA-WHA... WHAT IS...
...THI-TH-THIS?!


A CHILD TREASURE!



WHOA!
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BEATS ME...
SO NICO... WHAT DO YOU SUPPOSE THAT WAS ALL ABOUT?

AAAHHH!!
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WHAT?!
YOU'VE DESTROYED US!!
BUT INSTEAD, YOU HAVE BROUGHT ONLY MISERY!!
SOMEONE WANNA FILL ME IN ON WHAT THE FUCK IS GOIN' ON HERE?!
WHAT THE HELL? ONE MINUTE YOU'RE LOVIN' US, THE NEXT YOU'RE ACCUSING US OF... I DON'T KNOW WHAT!
HNN?!

KRR!
AAH !!
DAMN YOU, PIRATE! WHAT CURSE HAVE YOU BROUGHT UPON US?!
WE WERE FOOLS FOR TRUSTING YOU!
YOU GOT FIVE SECONDS TO GET YER STINKIN' HANDS OFFA ME...
...WHAT THE HELL ARE YOU YAPPING ABOUT?
OLD MAN...
WE THOUGHT YOU WERE "PIRATES OF GOOD FORTUNE" THAT BROUGHT THE WHALES!!
YOU HAVE CURSED US ALL!

ANOTHER ONE!
IT'S OUR LUCKY DAY, BOYS!
HOLY...!!
I HAD NO IDEA THEY TRAVELED IN GROUPS!
THIS ISLAND'S A GOLDMINE!
AAAAHH!!
GASP!

WHALES ARE NOT FISH. THEY ARE MAMMALS, JUST AS WE ARE.
ONCE, HUMANS DID NOT PLACE MUCH VALUE ON UNBORN LIFE. PERHAPS THAT IS WHY THE GODS TOOK THE EARTH FROM US...
...IN FAVOR OF THE WHALES.
HE SEEKS TO AVENGE HIS MURDERED FAMILY, SUV.
WILL YOU DENY HIM HIS VENGEANCE?

CAP'N! IT'S COMING RIGHT AT US AND IT AIN'T SLOWING DOWN!
THINGS ARE GONNA GET UGLY!
WHAT ?!
DON'T BE RIDIC-ULOUS!
WHADYA WAITIN' FOR, GEEZER? HE'S ALL YOURS, AIN'T HE?!
'CUZ IF NOT, I'LL GLADLY TAKE IT OFF YOUR HANDS!
IT SEEKS REVENGE.
IT'S COMING FOR US, BECAUSE WE KILLED ITS MATE AND UNBORN CHILD. THE SCENT OF THEIR BLOOD IS UPON US.
WHA ...?!
YOU ARE WRONG.
AND THAT THING'S JUST A DUMB FISH.
"REVENGE"? REVENGE IS A HUMAN CONCEPT!
YER NUTS!

CAN YOU?!

ARE YOU MAN ENOUGH TO SEIZE IT?!
COMPELLIN' SPEECH. I MAY BE A GREEDY BASTARD....
...BUT THERE AIN'T NO PROFIT IN DYIN'!

TIME TO PROVE YOUR METTLE, PIRATE.
YOU STARE DESTINY IN THE FACE!

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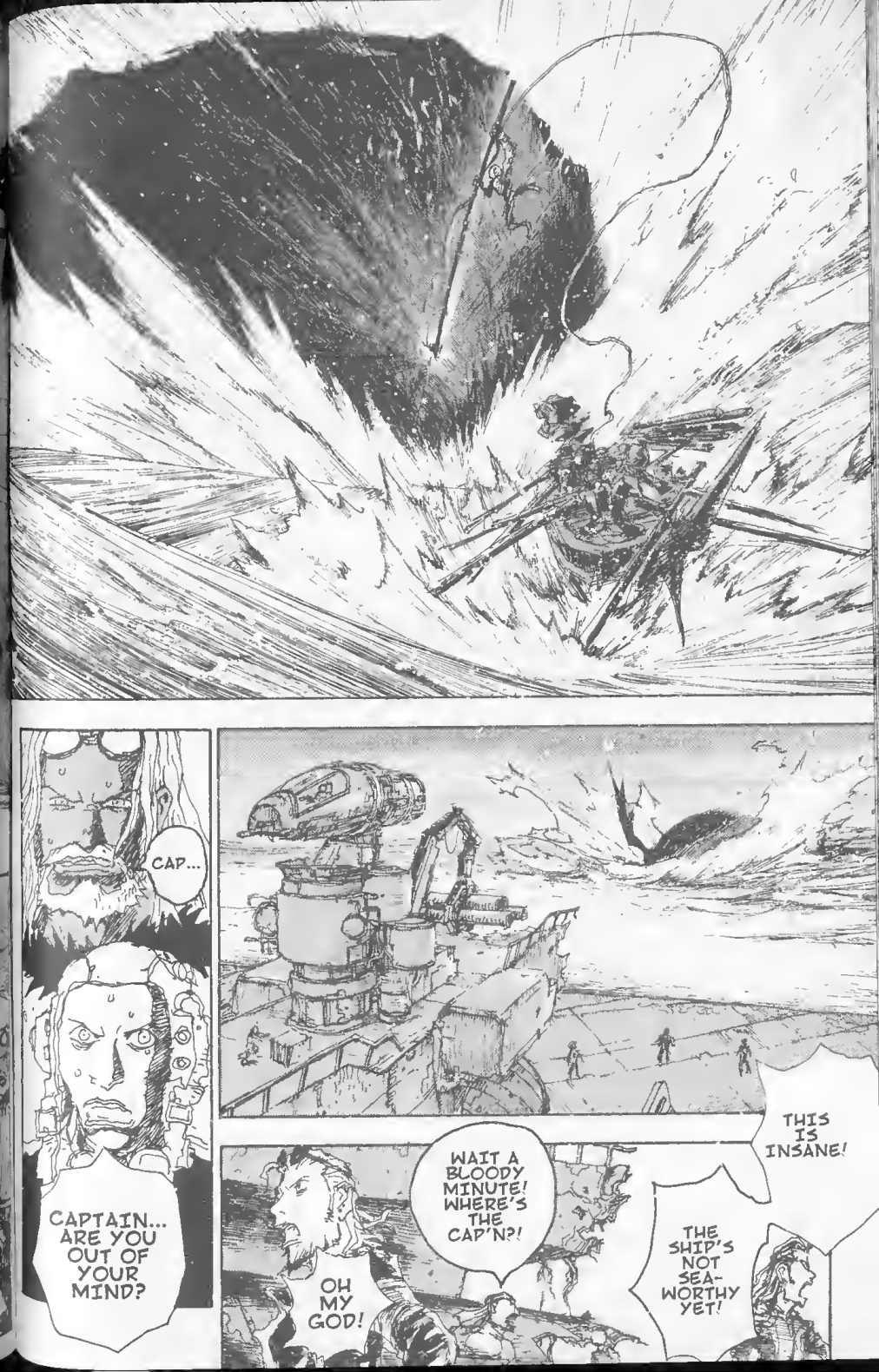
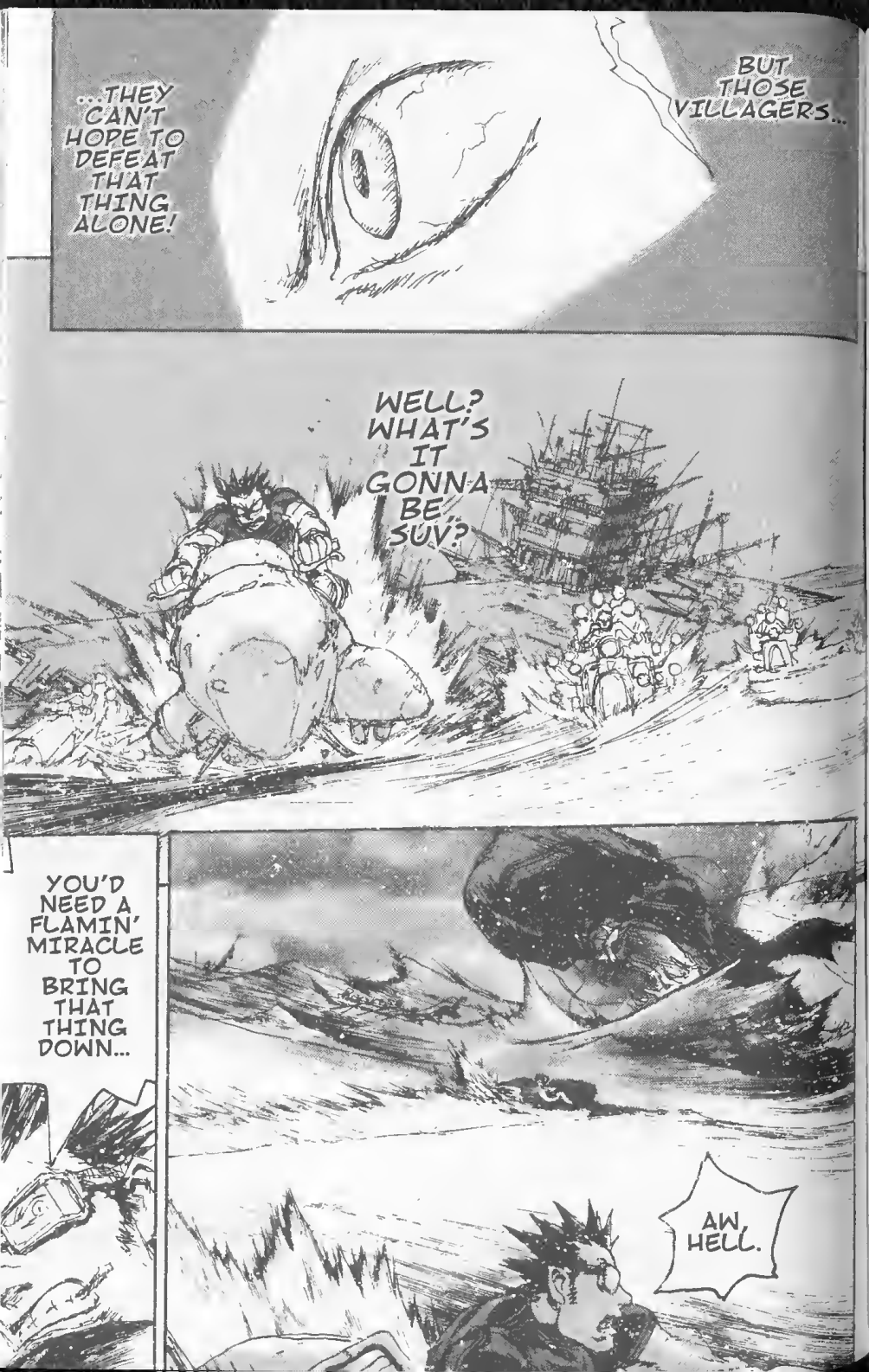
MOUNT UP, BOYS... WE'RE GETTING' OUTTA HERE.
IT'S SURE DEATH!
CAP-TAIN!
YOU'RE GOING TO FIGHT THAT THING?
NO WAY...
NO...


CAP...
CAPTAIN... ARE YOU OUT OF YOUR MIND?
OH MY GOD!
WAIT A BLOODY MINUTE! WHERE'S THE CAP'N?!
THIS IS INSANE!
THE SHIP'S NOT SEA-WORTHY YET!


...THEY CAN'T HOPE TO DEFEAT THAT THING ALONE!
BUT THOSE VILLAGERS...
WELL? WHAT'S IT GONNA BE, SUV?
YOU'D NEED A FLAMIN' MIRACLE TO BRING THAT THING DOWN...
AW, HELL.

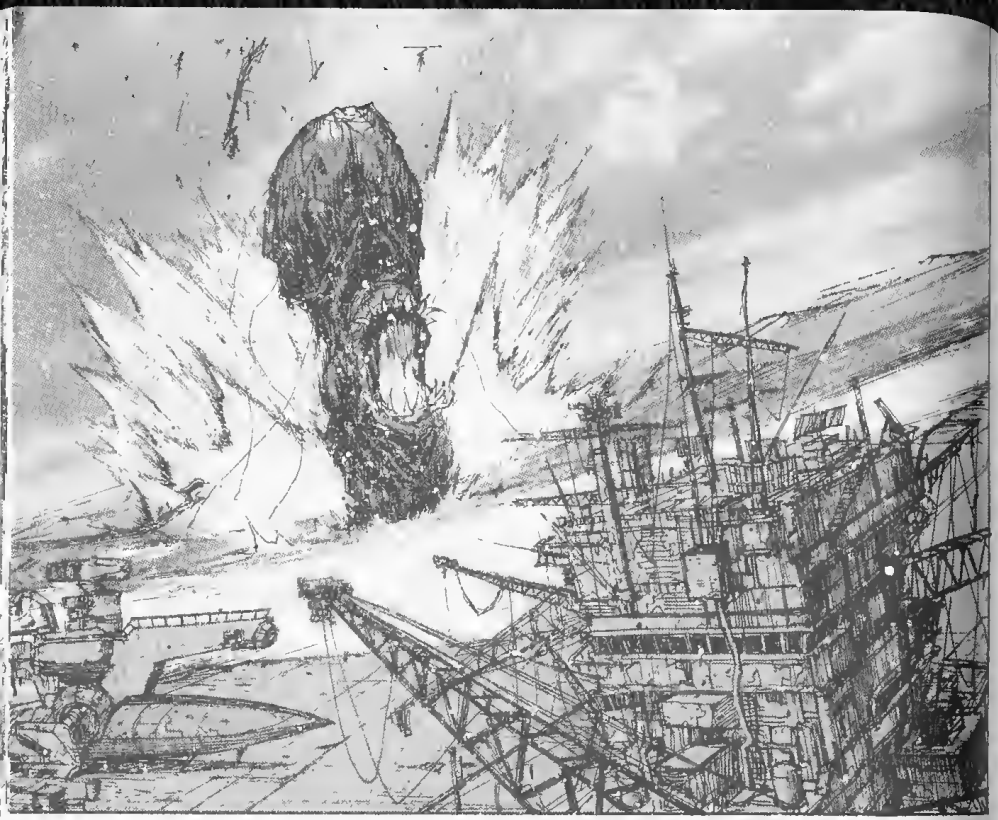
MOVE IT!
I AIN'T LETTING SOME BACKWARDS SAVAGES GET ME KILLED.
YOU ABANDONING IT?!
WHAT ABOUT THE SHIP?!
WE'LL NEVER GET HER IN THE WATER IN TIME! WE'LL COME BACK FOR HER!
WHAT A LOUSY RUN O' LUCK.
SHIT!
THE CAPTAIN'S RIGHT!
TO THE SKIMMERS!

TURN BACK!
YOU CAN'T TAKE ON A LEVIATHAN!
OF ALL THE STUPID ...!
LISTEN TO ME!
YA CAN'T EXPECT TO GET LUCKY TWICE!!
ZIZI!

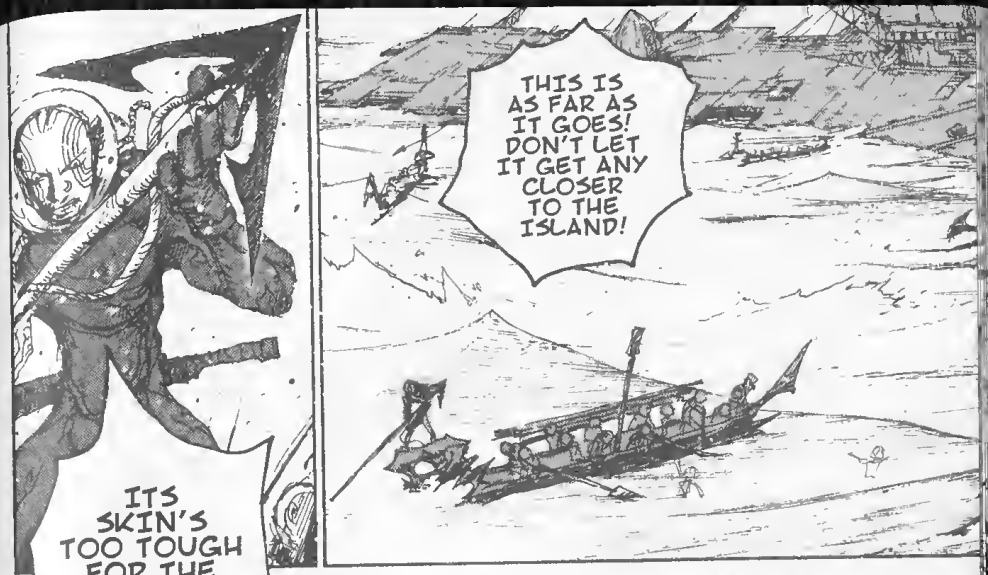
THIS THING REALLY FLIES!
WAHOO!
YEEEHAAAW!!
WHAT THE DEVIL YOU PLAYIN' AT, GIRL?!
YOU'RE HEADED RIGHT FOR IT! ZIZI!

HERE'S HOPING HE WAS RIGHT!
I CAN DO THIS! I KNOW I CAN. GAIRA SAID IT HIMSELF. I'M NOT LIKE THE OTHERS. I'M... UNIQUE.
AN A SET O' BRASS BALLS YA WOULDN'T BELIEVE...
I'LL GIVE ZIZI THIS...THAT GIRL'S GOT GUTS! MORE GUTS THAN BRAINS.

...THEN IT'S SKILL, NOT LUCK!
WHEN I DO IT A SECOND TIME, CAPTAIN...
FINE! GO KILL YOURSELF!
THEN YOU'RE GONNA BEG ME TO BE ON YOUR CREW!
...YOU'LL BE EATING A SIDE HELPING OF CROW!
'CAUSE ALONG WITH ALL THAT WHALE MEAT...
I HOPE YOU'RE HUNGRY, SUV.



WE'RE DOOMED!
AH!!
IT'S SO CLOSE!


THIS IS AS FAR AS IT GOES! DON'T LET IT GET ANY CLOSER TO THE ISLAND!

ITS SKIN'S TOO TOUGH FOR THE HARPOONS! AIM FOR THE EYES!

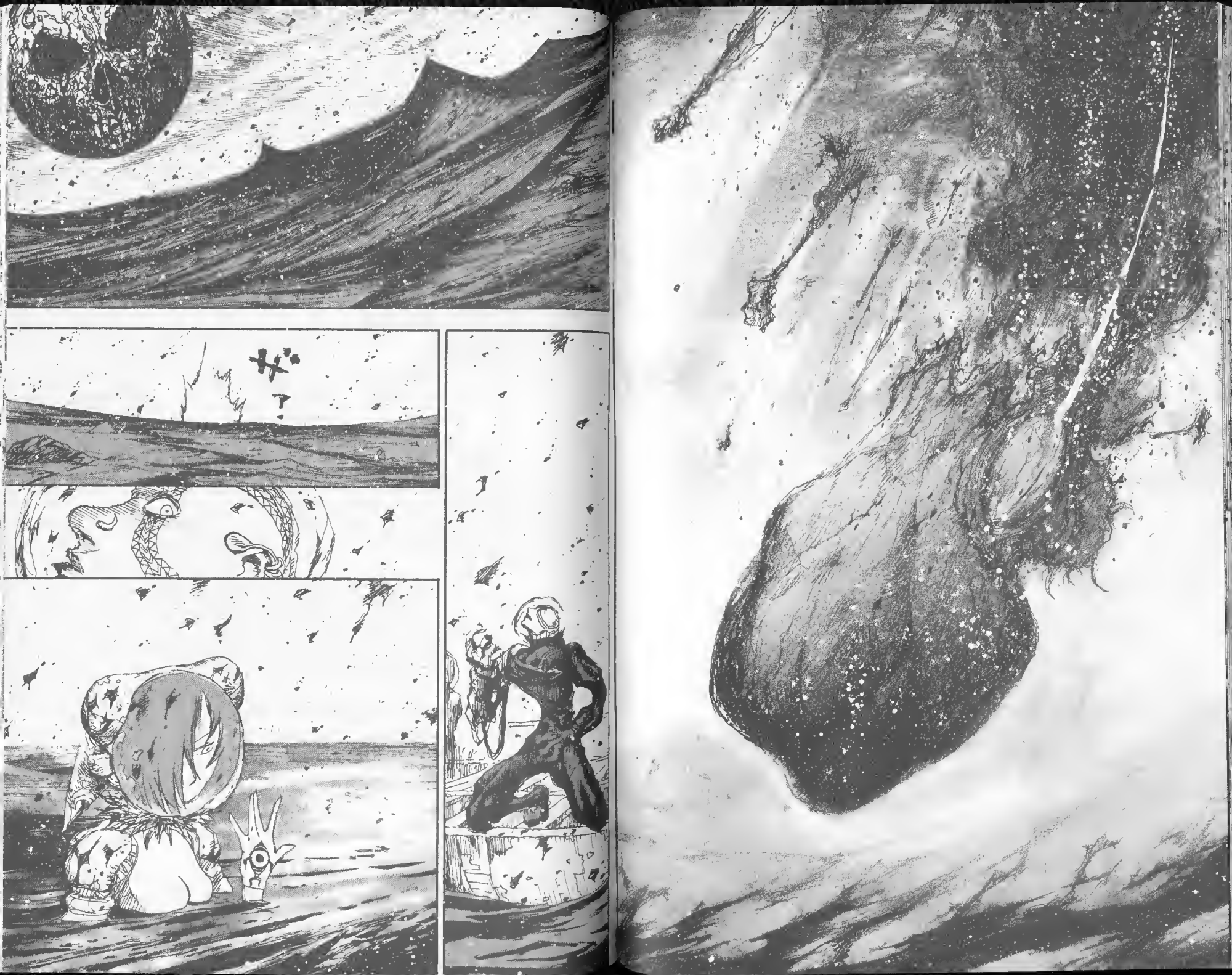
THE CREATURE SHALL... NOT... PASS!
GAH!

IT'S FEEDING TIME, BIG BOY...
...SO CHOKE ON THIS !!

RUN !!
RUN TO WHERE ?!
AH !!
NO !!!
WE COULDN'T STOP IT!
NENE!
WHAT ARE YOU DOING?! GET OUTTA THERE!!

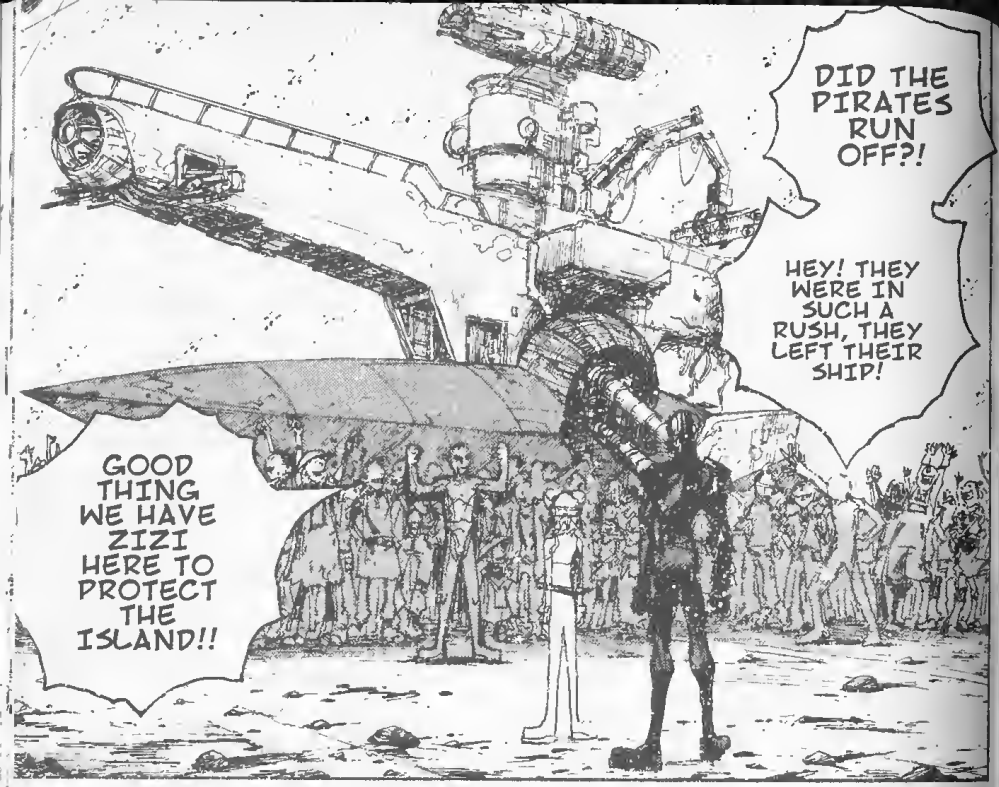
ZIZI!!!

I CAN'T BELIEVE SHE ACTUALLY DID IT!
CRAZY BRAT...
ZIZI...



IF ONE DESTROYS A SEED OF LIFE, THE RIGHTEOUS ANGER OF THE LORD OF THE SAKAI WILL BE KINDLED AGAINST THEM.
GRAMMA ...
ZIZI MUST BE BANISHED FROM THE ISLAND...
...LEST THE ENTIRE TRIBE SUFFER THE LORD OF THE SAKAI'S WRATH.

MY GRANDDAUGHTER HAS BROKEN OUR MOST SACRED LAW...
...WE CANNOT KILL THOSE THAT HAVE A NEW LIFE WITHIN THEM.


DID THE PIRATES RUN OFF?!
HEY! THEY WERE IN SUCH A RUSH, THEY LEFT THEIR SHIP!
GOOD THING WE HAVE ZIZI HERE TO PROTECT THE ISLAND!!

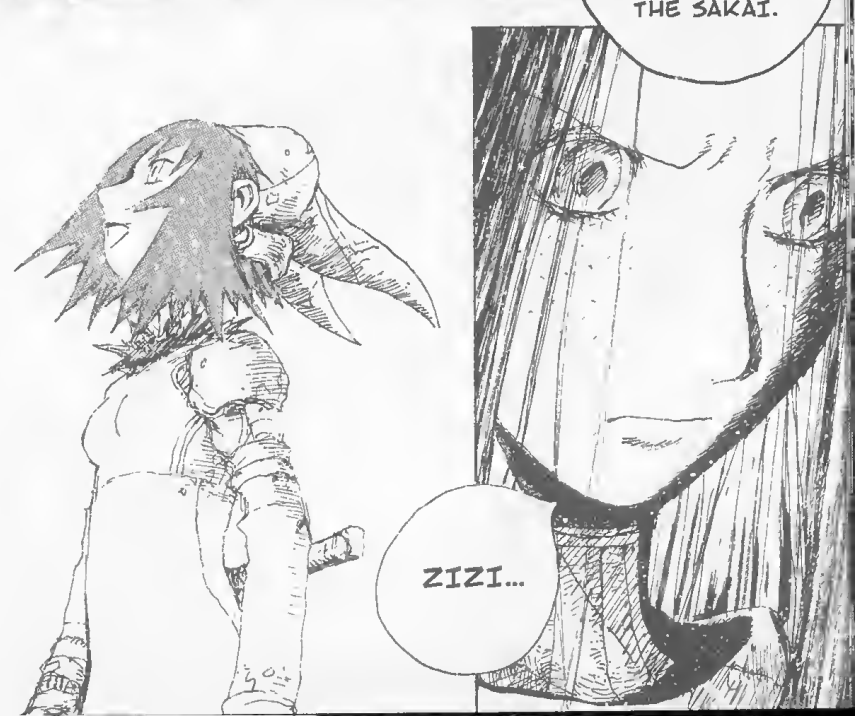
REALLY?
YOU DON'T SAY!
AND TOMORROW, ZIZI WILL UNDERGO THE CRIMSON TIDE CEREMONY!

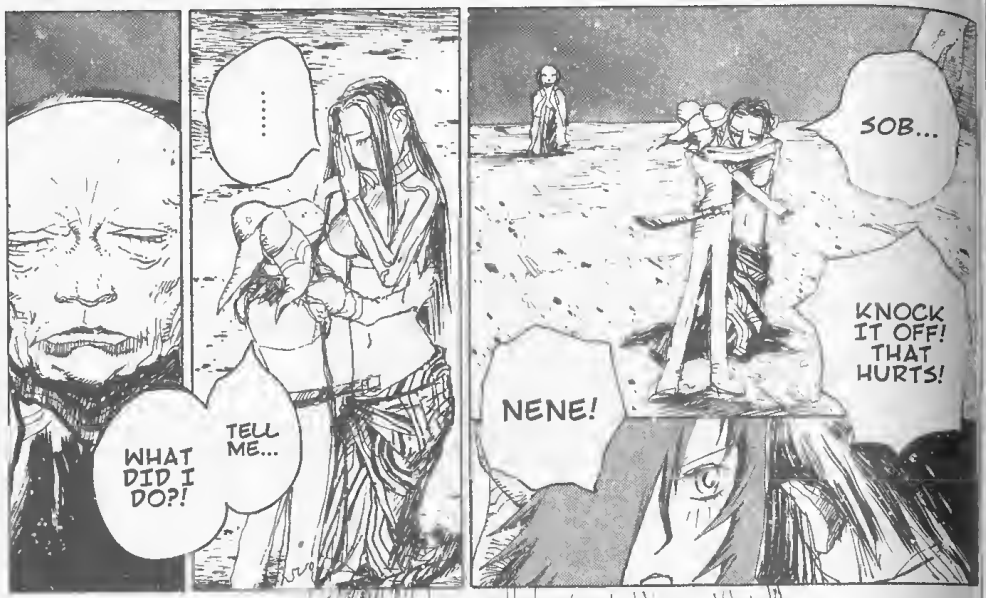
TONIGHT THE ISLAND WILL HAVE THE CELEBRATION OF A LIFETIME!

..AND NOW BECAUSE OF THIS... SUPERSTITION... YOU WANT TO EXILE HER FROM THE ISLAND?!

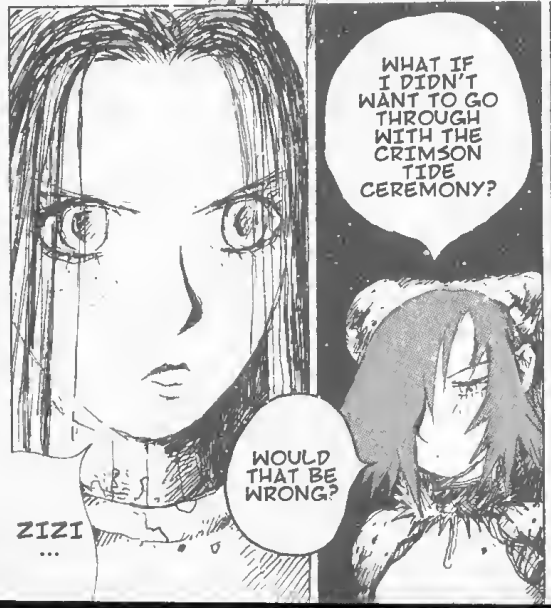
AND TOMORROW IS ZIZI'S CRIMSON TIDE CEREMONY...
BUT GRAMMA! ZIZI JUST SAVED THIS ISLAND! YOU SAW FOR YOURSELF!

YOU CAN'T LET THAT HAPPEN!
WE CANNOT EXPECT LIFE TO CONTINUE ON THE ISLAND BY DEFYING THE LORD OF THE SAKAI.

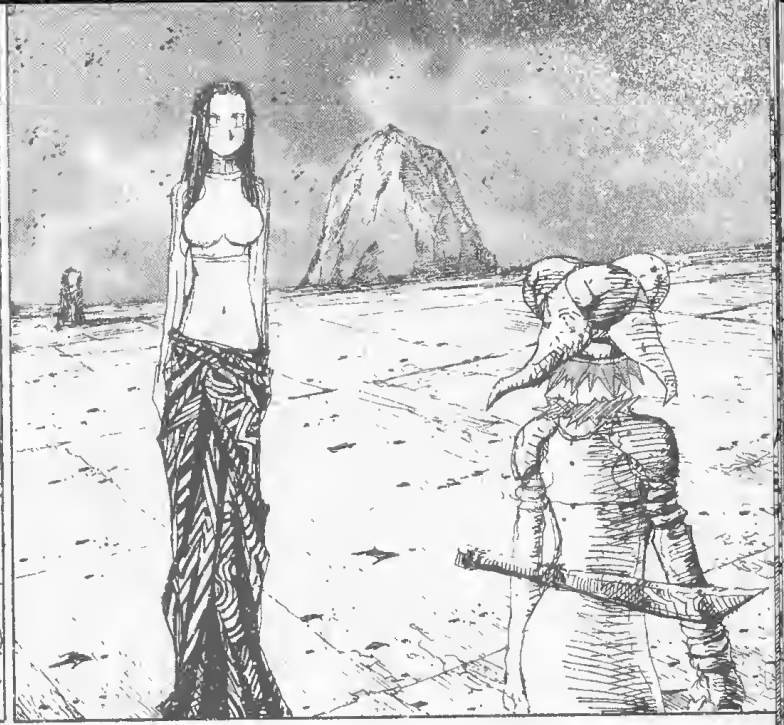

ZIZI...


WHAT DID I DO?!
TELL ME...
.....
NENE!
KNOCK IT OFF! THAT HURTS!
SOB...

REALLY. IT'S NOTHING...
I JUST GOT SOME SAND IN MY EYES...

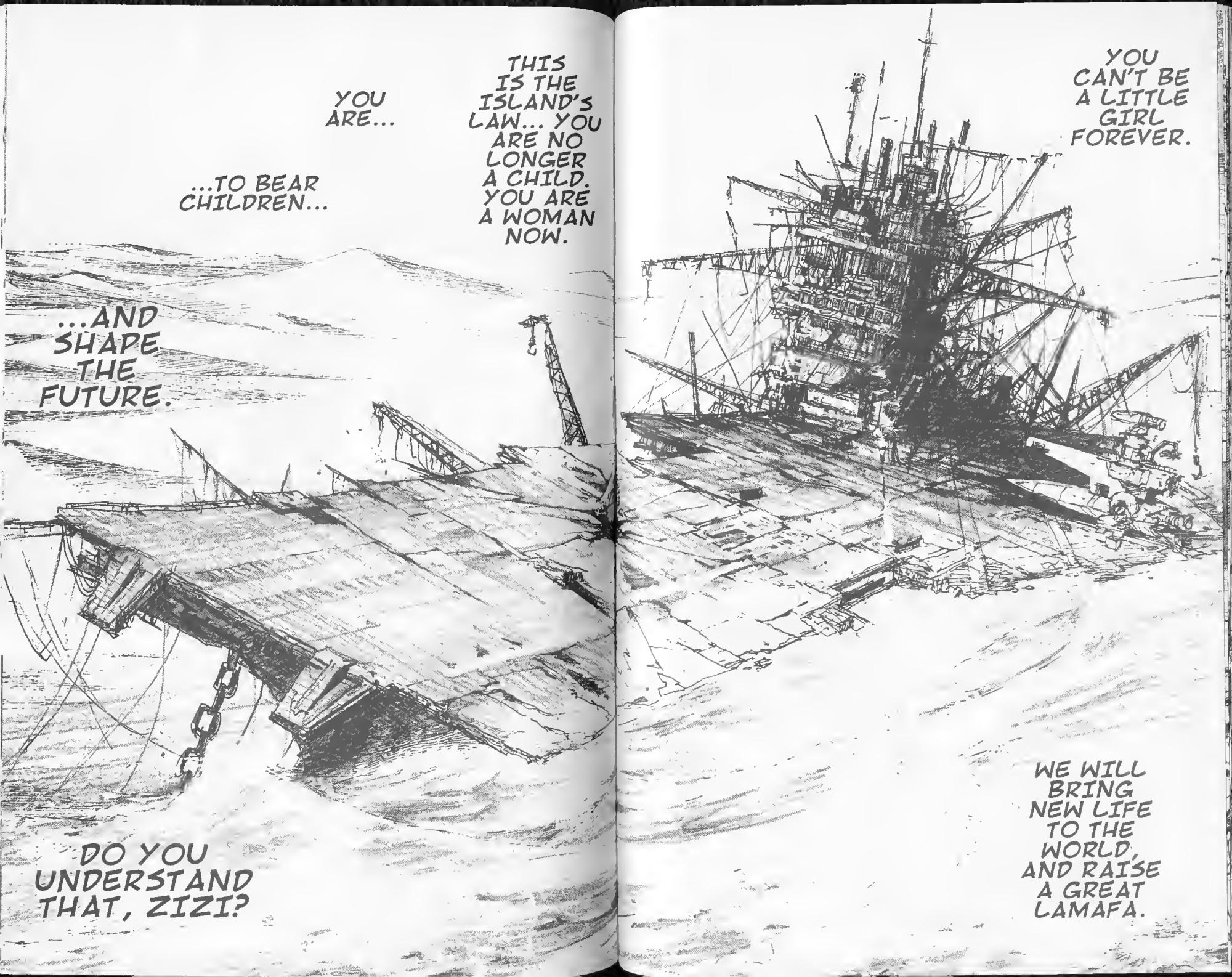

ZIZI...
WOULD THAT BE WRONG?
WHAT IF I DIDN'T WANT TO GO THROUGH WITH THE CRIMSON TIDE CEREMONY?

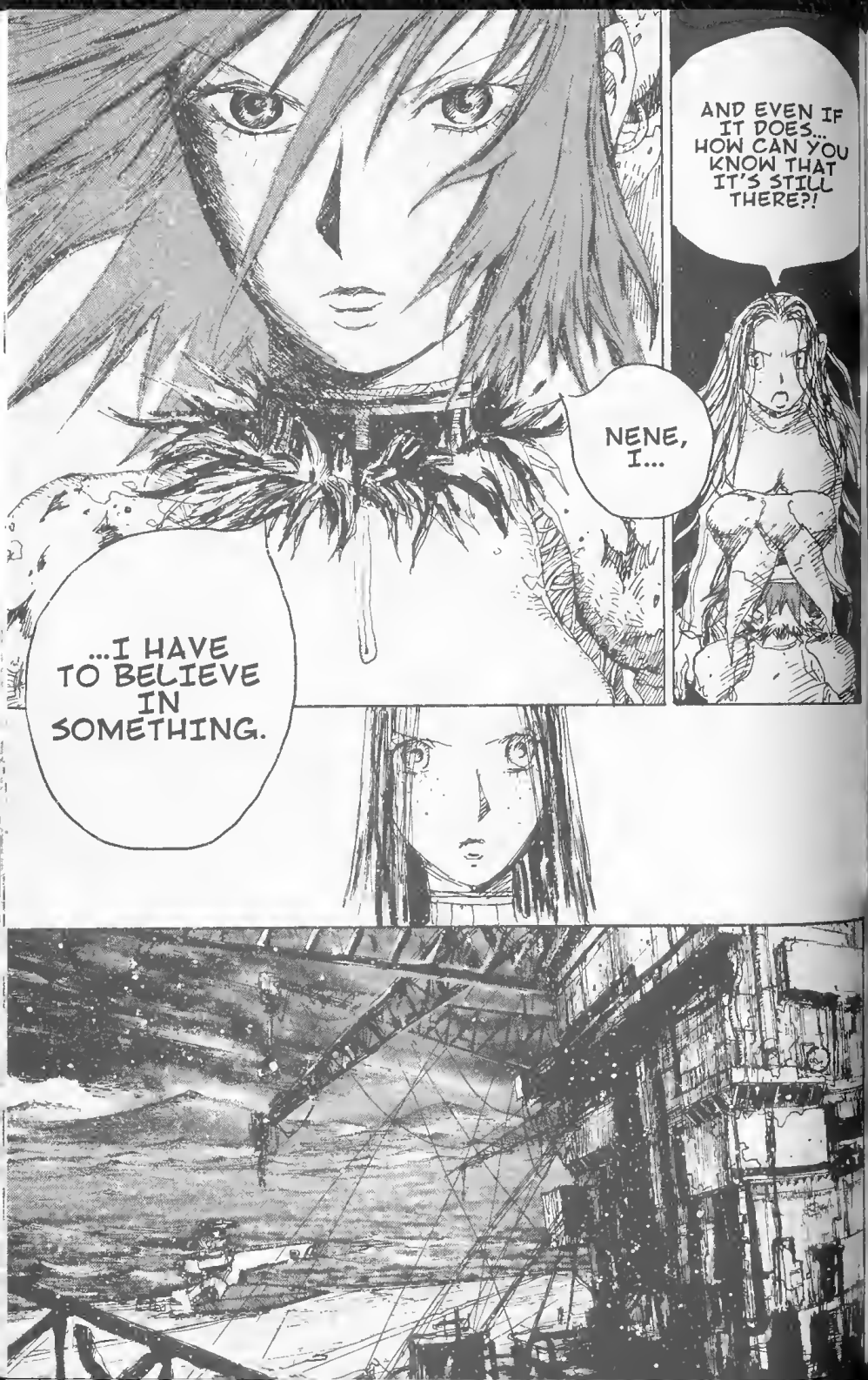
UMM... WHAT IF...
AFTER ALL, TOMORROW'S YOUR BIG DAY.
COME ON... LET'S GET CHANGED...



ZIZI...
NENE...
WHAT'S GOTTEN INTO YOU?

LOOK AT YOU, YOU'RE COVERED IN SAND...
UH-HUH...
WHAT'S GOING ON, NENE?
SOMETHING'S WRONG...
LISTEN...
JUST KNOW, YOU CAN'T STAY A LITTLE KID FOREVER...


YOU ARE...
THIS IS THE ISLAND'S LAW... YOU ARE NO LONGER A CHILD. YOU ARE A WOMAN NOW.
...TO BEAR CHILDREN...
...AND SHAPE THE FUTURE.
DO YOU UNDERSTAND THAT, ZIZI?
YOU CAN'T BE A LITTLE GIRL FOREVER.
WE WILL BRING NEW LIFE TO THE WORLD, AND RAISE A GREAT LAMAFA.


AND EVEN IF IT DOES... HOW CAN YOU KNOW THAT IT'S STILL THERE?!
NENE, I...
...I HAVE TO BELIEVE IN SOMETHING.

NO!
I WILL NOT LIVE MY LIFE ON THIS ISLAND!
I DON'T WANT THAT WAY OF LIFE!
I...
...I NEED TO KNOW WHERE I CAME FROM, NENE.
ZIZI ...
DON'T BE RIDICULOUS... YOUR MOTHER AND FATHER'S BIRTHPLACE...
...NO ONE KNOWS WHERE IT IS, OR IF IT EVEN EXISTS.

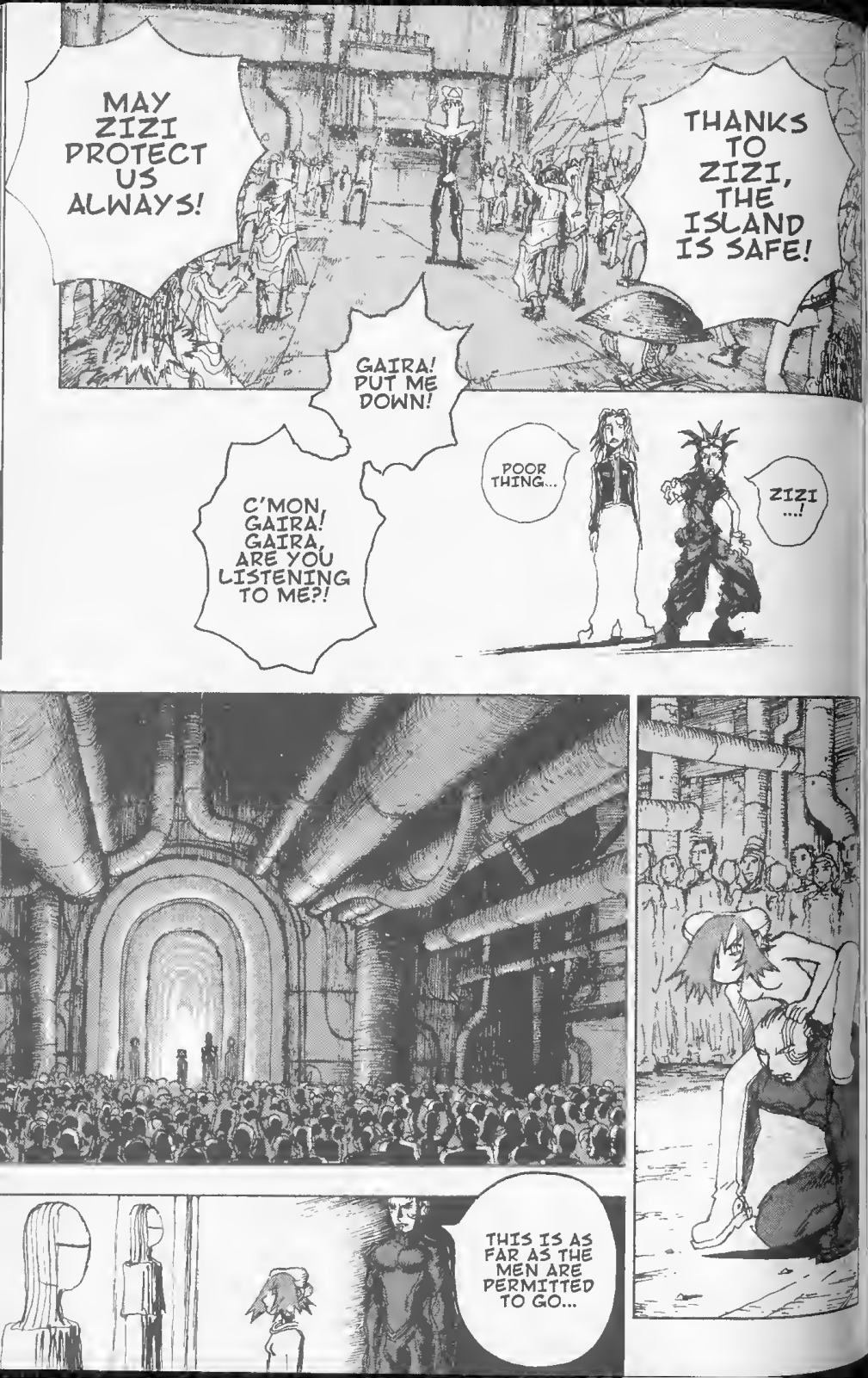
IS THAT...
THERE'S SOMETHING OUT THERE.
WHA...
IS THAT WHAT I THINK IT IS?!
ALL RIGHT !!

EVEN IF IT'S JUST A DREAM...

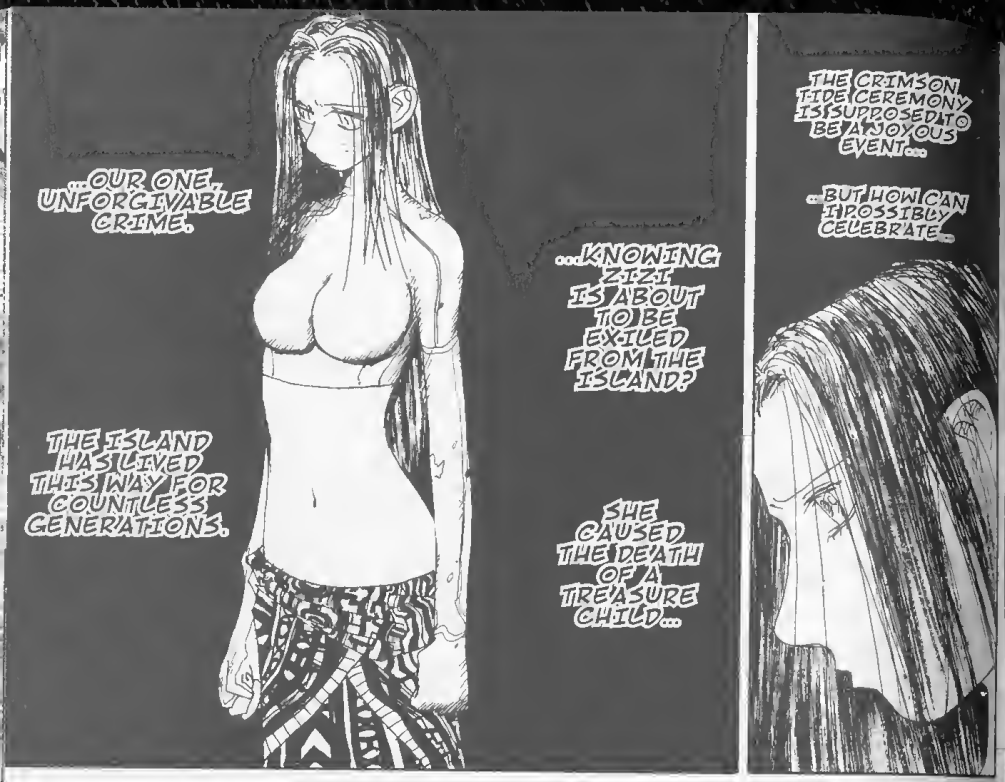
...EVEN IF IT'S ALL THE WAY ACROSS THE SAKAI...
I WILL FIND IT!
STONe
Episode 2
End
The magnificent black whale

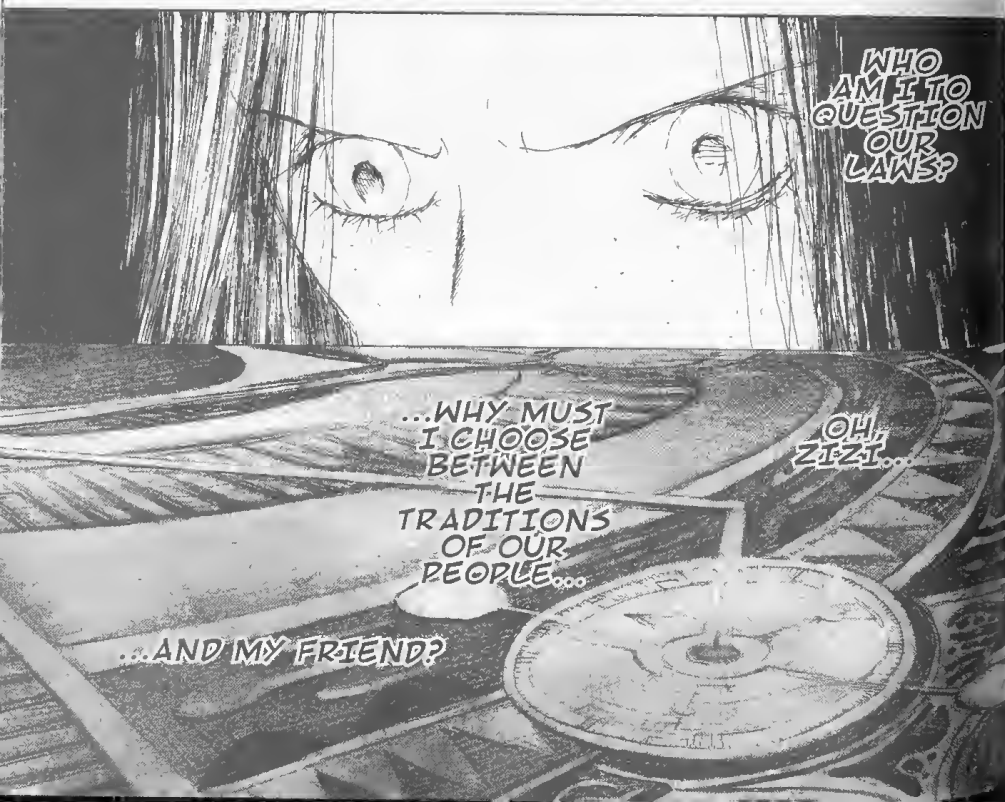
EPISODE 3
"CRIMSON TIDE"

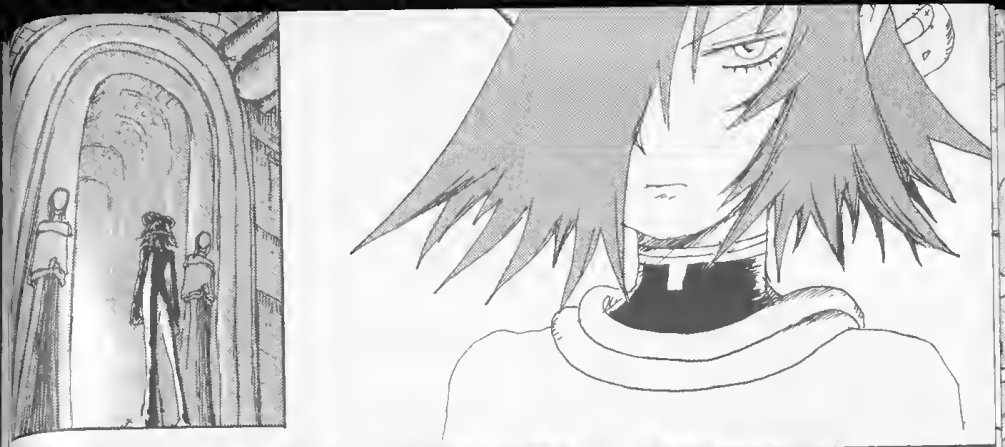
JUST YESTERDAY, EVERYONE WAS SURE THE LORD OF THE SAKAI HAD ABANDONED US.
NOW, EVERYONE'S CELEBRATING, SAYING HE'S BLESSED US. ADULTS ARE SUCH HYPOCRITES!
LET THEM HAVE THEIR FUN. IT'S A WELCOME CHANGE.
UNBELIEVABLE!!

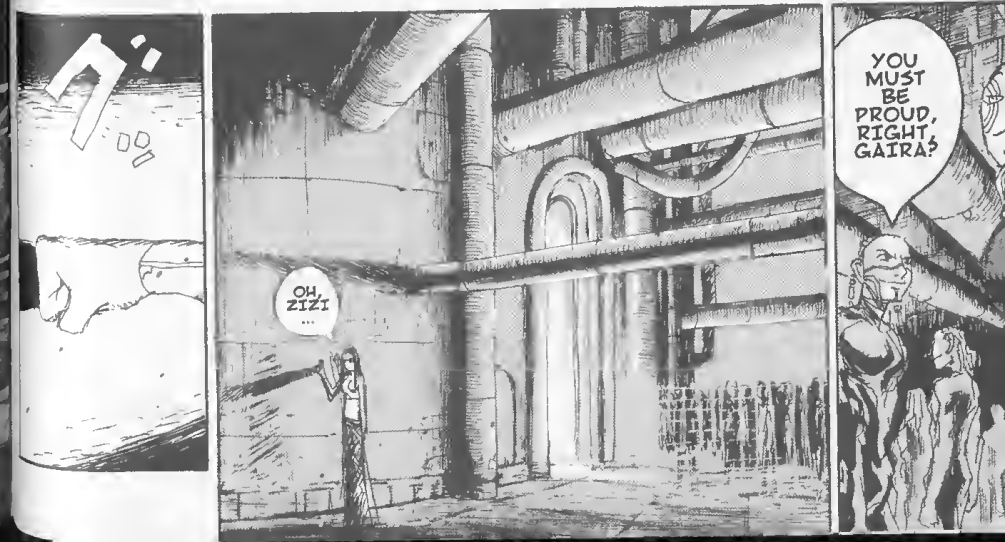

MAY ZIZI PROTECT US ALWAYS!
THANKS TO ZIZI, THE ISLAND IS SAFE!
GAIRA! PUT ME DOWN!
C'MON, GAIRA! GAIRA, ARE YOU LISTENING TO ME?!
POOR THING...
ZIZI ...!
THIS IS AS FAR AS THE MEN ARE PERMITTED TO GO...

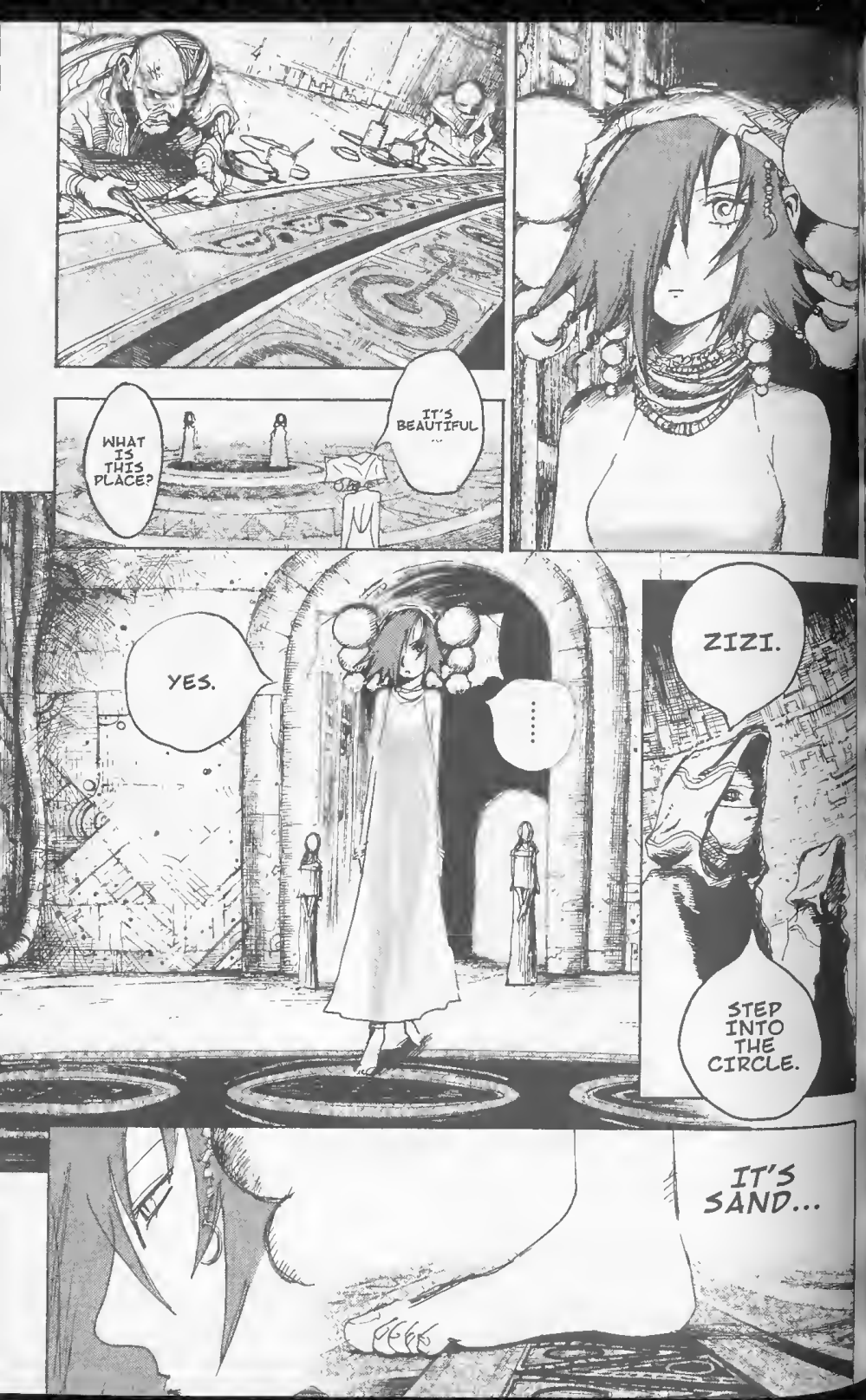
WHAT THE ...?!
GAIRA!!
KNOCK IT OFF!
IT'S EMBARRASSING. EVERYONE'S LOOKING AT US!
LET ME DOWN!

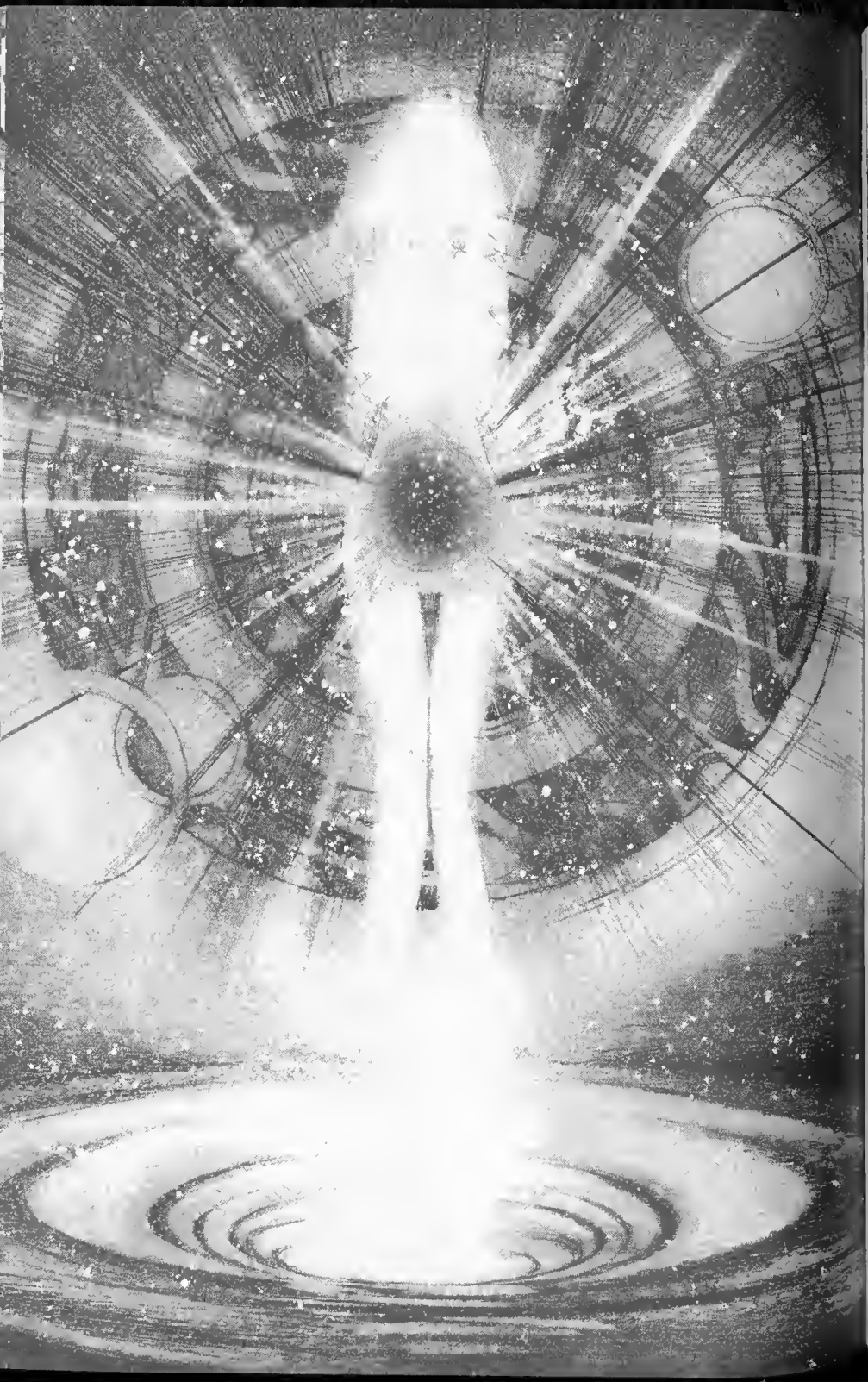

...OUR ONE, UNFORGIVABLE CRIME.
THE ISLAND HAS LIVED THIS WAY FOR COUNTLESS GENERATIONS.
...KNOWING ZIZI IS ABOUT TO BE EXILED FROM THE ISLAND?
SHE CAUSED THE DEATH OF A TREASURE CHILD...
THE CRIMSON TIDE CEREMONY IS SUPPOSED TO BE A JOYOUS EVENT...
...BUT HOW CAN I POSSIBLY CELEBRATE...


WHO AM I TO QUESTION OUR LAWS?
...WHY MUST I CHOOSE BETWEEN THE TRADITIONS OF OUR PEOPLE...
...AND MY FRIEND?
OH, ZIZI...



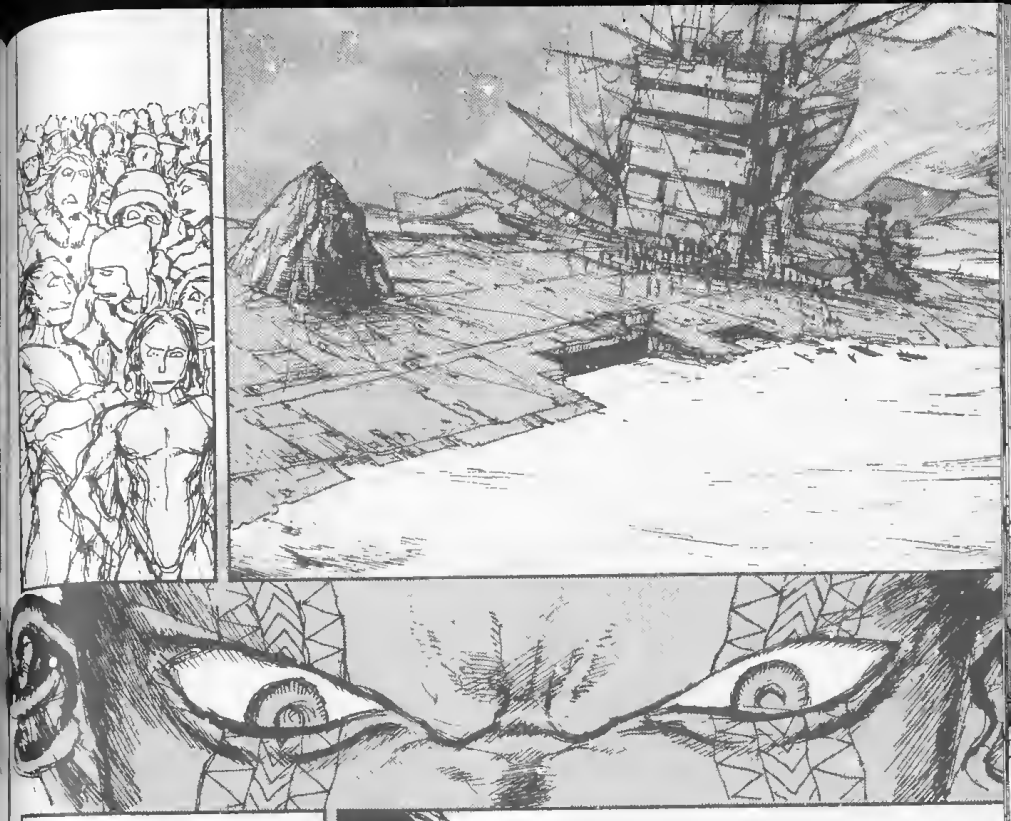

OH, ZIZI...
YOU MUST BE PROUD, RIGHT, GAIRA?


WHAT IS THIS PLACE?
IT'S BEAUTIFUL ...
YES.
.....
ZIZI.
STEP INTO THE CIRCLE.
IT'S SAND...



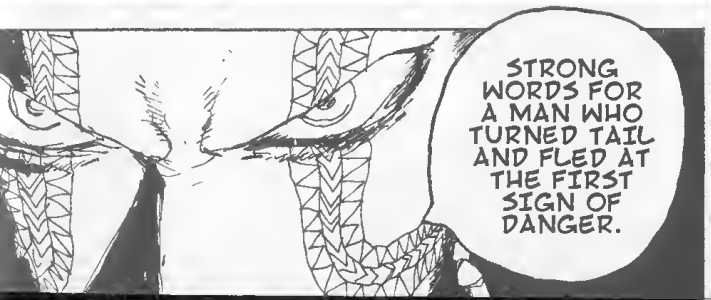
EEP.
HMM?
WHAT'S HAPPENING?
AH...
AH...
THE BLOOD OF THE SAND WHALE?
BLOOD...
WHOSE IS IT?

WITHOUT YOUR SHIP, YOU'RE JUST COMMON BANDITS!

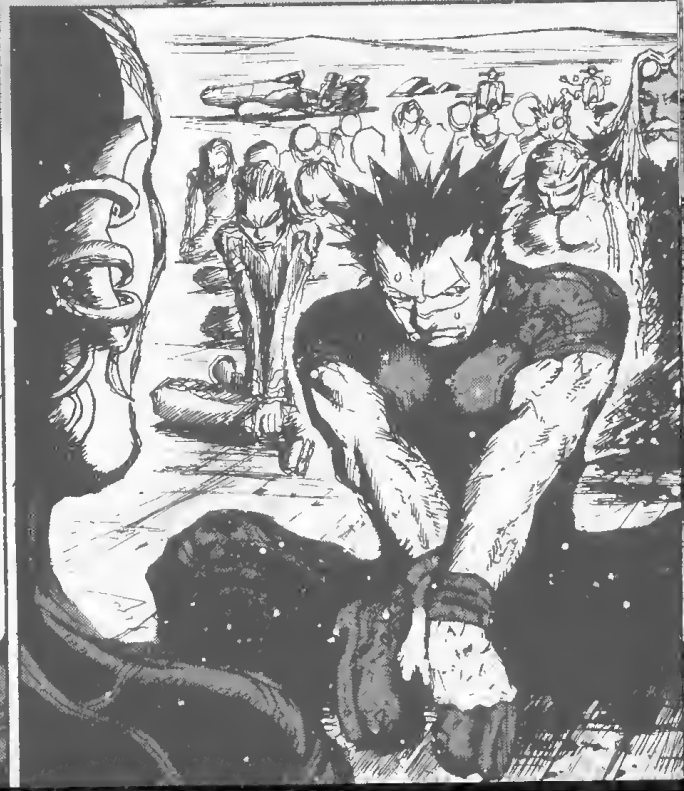


SCREW YOU!
YOU KNOW NOTHIN' OF THE OUTSIDE WORLD. SO WHO ARE YOU TO JUDGE ME?

BEYOND THE SAKAI, DO ALL MEN SEEK ONLY TO PRESERVE THEIR OWN SKIN?


STRONG WORDS FOR A MAN WHO TURNED TAIL AND FLED AT THE FIRST SIGN OF DANGER.

YOU'VE GOT SOME NERVE RETURNING HERE, PIRATE!
OR SHOULD I SAY "PIRATE SCUM."



UH... WHAT'S A CRIMSON TIDE CEREMONY?
NOW THAT IS A SURPRISE!
NOW... ENTER THE ORIGIN OF THE "TREE OF LIFE"...
WHY DO YOU HESITATE?

DAMN RIGHT!
I GOT NOTHIN' TO PROVE TO YOU.
EVERY MEMBER O' MY CREW OWES ME THEIR LIFE, MORE TIMES THAN I CAN COUNT.
YOU TELL 'IM, CAP'N !!
THREE CHEERS FOR THE CAP'N!
SILENCE!
THE KID'S STILL ALIVE ?!
ZIZI ?
TODAY IS THE HONORED DAY OF ZIZI'S CRIMSON TIDE CEREMONY.
I'LL NOT HAVE IT SULLIED BY SEA-SCUM LIKE YOU.
HUH?!

BY YOUR HAND...
...ON YOUR OWN...
YOU WILL BE ABSORBED...
...BY THIS STONE.
HOW DO I KNOW WHICH TO CHOOSE?
AH...
IT'S SO WARM...
OH, MY GOD...

WHAT IS... THIS?
FROM THIS GROUP, CHOOSE ONE STONE...
ZIZI...
HMM...
STONES?

THAT IS YOUR BIRTHSTONE.
WHEN YOU WERE BORN, YOU TOOK THAT STONE INTO YOUR HAND. IT IS A PART OF YOUR MOTHER.
AND IT IS ALSO A PART OF YOUR FATHER.
IT IS YOUR BIRTHRIGHT!
IT WILL ASSURE YOUR SAFETY.
YOU MUST CARRY THAT STONE WITH YOU AT ALL TIMES.

...DID YOU FEEL IT?
ZIZI...
JUST NOW, WHAT YOU FELT WAS... THE LEGACY THEY ENTRUSTED UNTO YOU... YOU SHALL INHERIT IT. THE MEANING OF LIFE.
YOUR FATHER'S PURPOSE...
YOUR MOTHER'S PURPOSE...
WHAT IS THIS?!
I DON'T UNDERSTAND ANY OF THIS!

ZIZI!
ZIZI!
I...!
UM...
IS SHE CHOOSING A MATE? CHOOSE ME!
NO! CHOOSE ME!
UM... EVERYONE... PLEASE LISTEN...
NINI!
THIS ISLAND...
I...
UM...
ZIZI! ME!
ZIZI!

ZIZI!
ZIZI!
WHAT'S THE BIG DEAL ABOUT ZIZI BECOMING A WOMAN?!
BEATS ME.
THEY'RE STILL TOO YOUNG!
MAYBE IT'S TOO EARLY FOR THE KIDS TO UNDERSTAND.
ZIZI!
ZIZI!

SHE HAS BROKEN OUR MOST SACRED LAW.
!!!
WHAT ARE YOU SAYING? THIS IS MADNESS!
GREAT GRANDMOTHER... WHAT OF ZIZI'S "PARTNER-CHOOSING" DAY?
HUH?
THERE MUST BE SOME MISTAKE ...
WHAT DOES SHE MEAN?
WHAT'S THE LAW GOTTA DO WITH ZIZI?
I DON'T GET IT! WHY'S GREAT GRANDMOTHER DOING THIS?
...WE MUST BANISH HER FROM THE ISLAND.
ZIZI CAUSED THE DEATH OF A TREASURE CHILD ACCORDING TO THE LAW...
SEEMS TO BE A DISPUTE, CAPTAIN.
DOESN'T THAT MEAN ANYTHING TO YOU?!
ZIZI PROTECTED US!
BUT GRAND-MOTHER!
WHAT ELSE IS NEW? I JUST DON'T GET THESE GUYS.

ZIZI... MUST BE BANISHED FROM THE ISLAND.

HMM..
HMPH!
COME ON! WE'RE MOVIN' OUT!
IT IS AS IT MUST BE.
ZIZI...
WHEN...
...WHEN DO I HAVE TO...
ON THE NIGHT OF THE NEXT "DEAD MOON," LEAVE THE ISLAND. YOU HAVE THREE DAYS.

THE LAW IS ABSOLUTE.

EVEN SO... IT'S A PITY THAT POOR BRAT ZIZI HAD TO BE...
.....
IT'S THE CAPTAIN!
OH!
THANK GOD I WASN'T BORN ON THAT RUSTY HEAP O' METAL.
POOR KID. ROYAL PAIN IN THE ASS, BUT SHE DESERVES BETTER'N THEY--
LIKE A FUNGUS.
WHAT DO YOU THINK'S GOING TO BECOME OF THAT KID?! I'M WORRIED...
SHE KINDA GROWS ON YA...

HURRY, BEFORE THEY REALIZE WE'RE GONE...
ROGER, CAPTAIN!
YOU PICK A MEAN LOCK, NICO. NOW GET US OUT OF HERE!
NOT BAD FOR A ONE-DAY REPAIR, EH?
BET'CHER ASS! DON'T MESS WITH SUV!
CRUNCH
SKREEE
SWISH
H H P.
NICO, YOU'VE GOT THE HELM.
ROGER.
FULL SPEED AHEAD!
GO!
GOOD BYE TO THIS GOD-FORSAKEN ISLAND!

I DON'T TAKE ORDERS FROM YOU, SUV.
YEAH, RIGHT!
TELL NICO TO STOP THE SHIP! SHE'S GETTING' OFF.
LIKE HELL! YOU'RE BAD LUCK, GIRL.
YOU'RE BORDERING ON MUTINY.
DO YOU KNOW WHO YOU'RE TALKING TO, SUV?
HUH ?!
YOU ARROGANT LITTLE BITCH! GO DROWN YOURSELF IN THE SEA!
AND ANOTHER THING...
...IT'S "CAPTAIN ZIZI" TO YOU! ♡

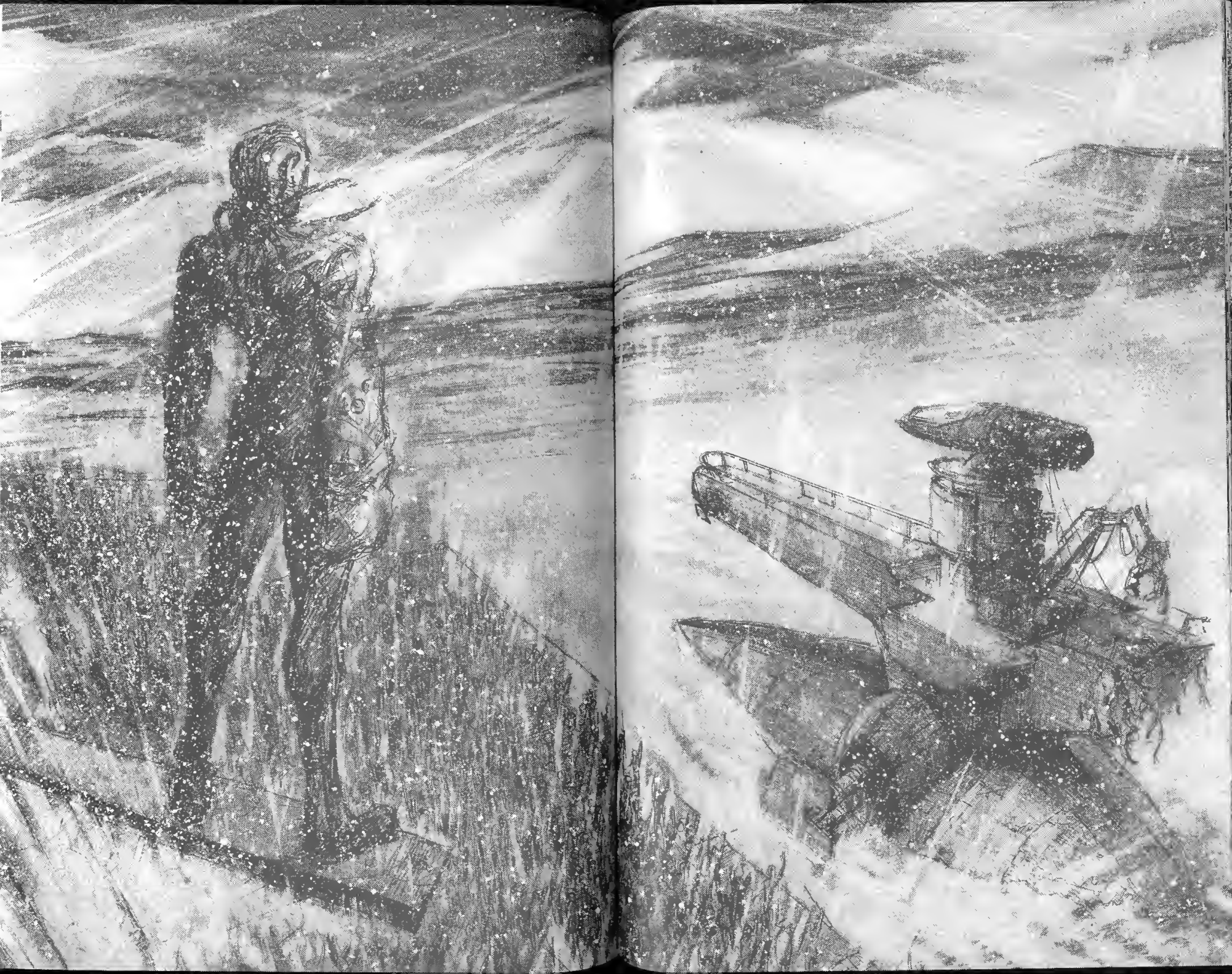
WHAT THE HELL ARE YOU DOING HERE?!
WHA --?!
TOLD YA I WAS COMING ALONG...
MIGHT WANNA SHUT YOUR MOUTH BEFORE YOU DRAW FLIES, SUV.

NENE ?!
WAIT! YOU FORGOT SOMETHING!
ZIZI!
NENE !!
HUFF
HUFF
YOU CAN'T GET RID OF ME THAT EASILY!
NENE, WHAT'S GOTTEN INTO YOU?
HUFF
THIS IS DANGEROUS! OF ALL THE CRAZY...
WHAT ARE YOU DOING?
HUFF
HUFF
RRR...

WRONG AGAIN, SUV!
UGK ?!
??
NO ONE DISRESPECTS ME ON MY OWN SHIP!
"CAPTAIN?!"
YOU'RE GOIN' OVER THE SIDE, BRAT!!
THEREFORE, THIS IS NOW MY SHIP!
YESTERDAY YOU ABANDONED "YOUR" SHIP AND RAN AWAY, ISN'T THAT RIGHT?
WAIT!!

HMPH!
WH--?!
THE HELL THAT COME FROM?!
TH-THAT'S...

NENE! YOU'RE COMING WITH US?!
BESIDES, WHO ELSE IS GOING TO KEEP YOU OUT OF TROUBLE? COME HERE!
WHO DO THEY THINK THEY ARE?!
SCREW IT!!
YOU WANNA JOIN THIS CREW? FINE. BUT BE CAREFUL WHAT YA WISH FOR, LADIES... LIFE AT SEA AIN'T NO PLEASURE CRUISE.



ZIZI!
WE'LL CATCH UP WITH YOU, NO MATTER WHAT!
AND SOMEDAY, WE'LL PASS YOU!

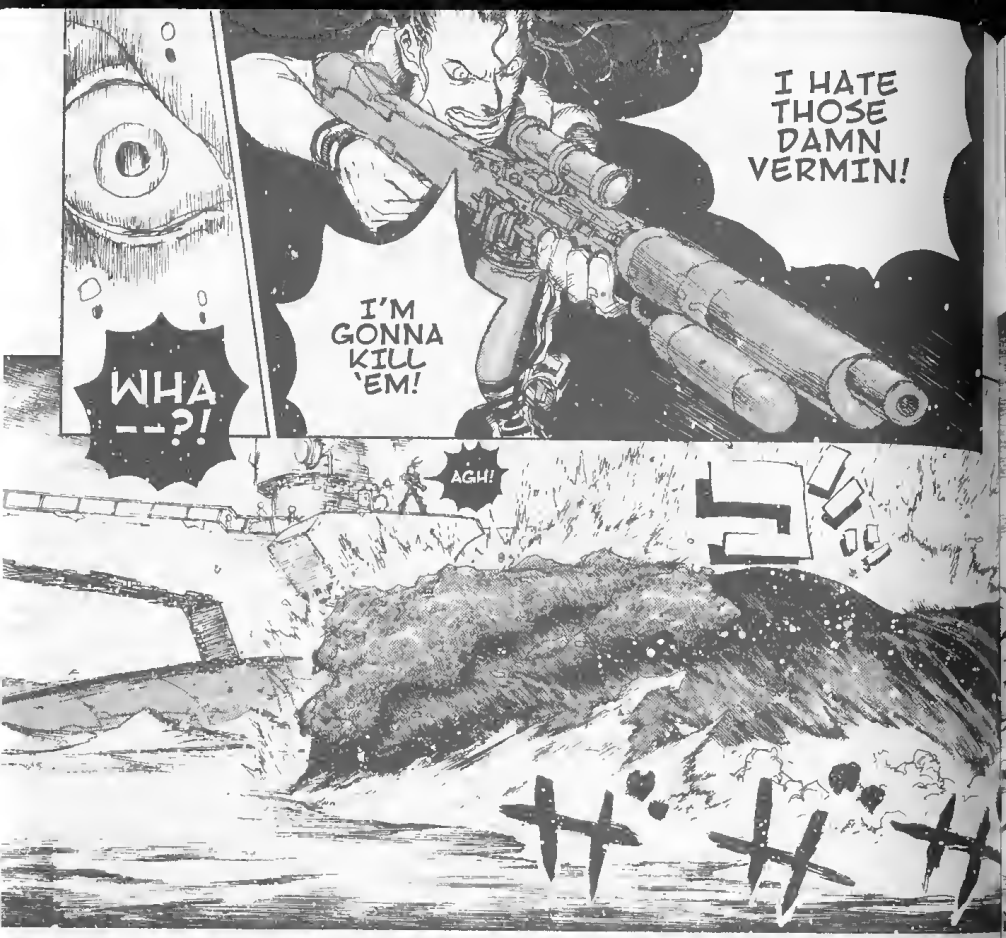
SONOFA-BITCH!
GAIRA!
.....
...THIS HARPOON IS LIKE HIS LIFE TO HIM...
BUT GAIRA...
PLEASE PROTECT ZIZI AND NENE!
LORD OF THE SAKAI! WE BEG YOU!

SUV! COME TAKE A LOOK!
ISN'T IT AMAZING ?!
WHA...?!
WHAT THE HELL IS THIS?!
NENE! COME ON!
COME HERE! YOU'RE NOT SEASICK, ARE YOU?
UGGHH...

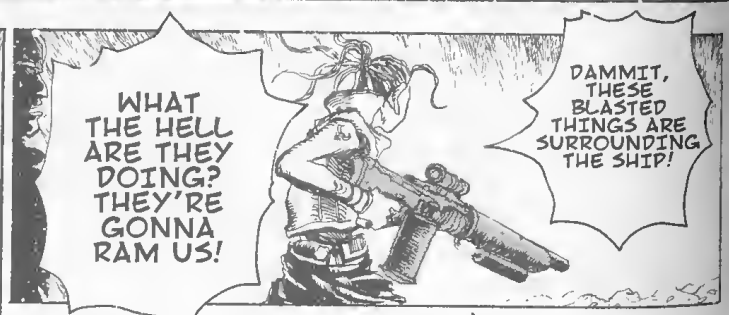
GO, ZIZI...
LIKE THE CURRENT OF THE TIDE...

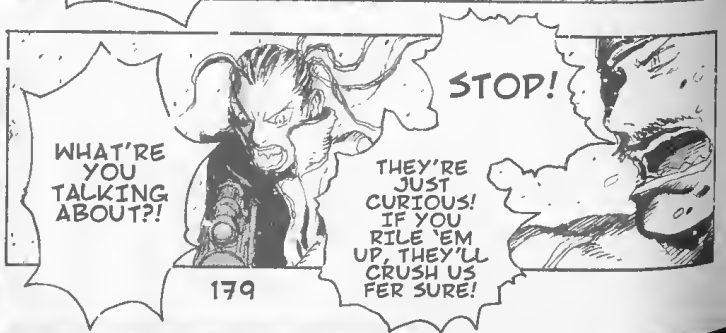
...BUT YOU ARE OUR CHILD!
YOU MAY NOT HAVE BEEN BORN HERE...
STONe
Episode 3
Crimson tide
End

EPISODE 4
"YELLOW-SUV-MARINE"


I HATE THOSE DAMN VERMIN!
I'M GONNA KILL 'EM!
WHA --?!
AGH!

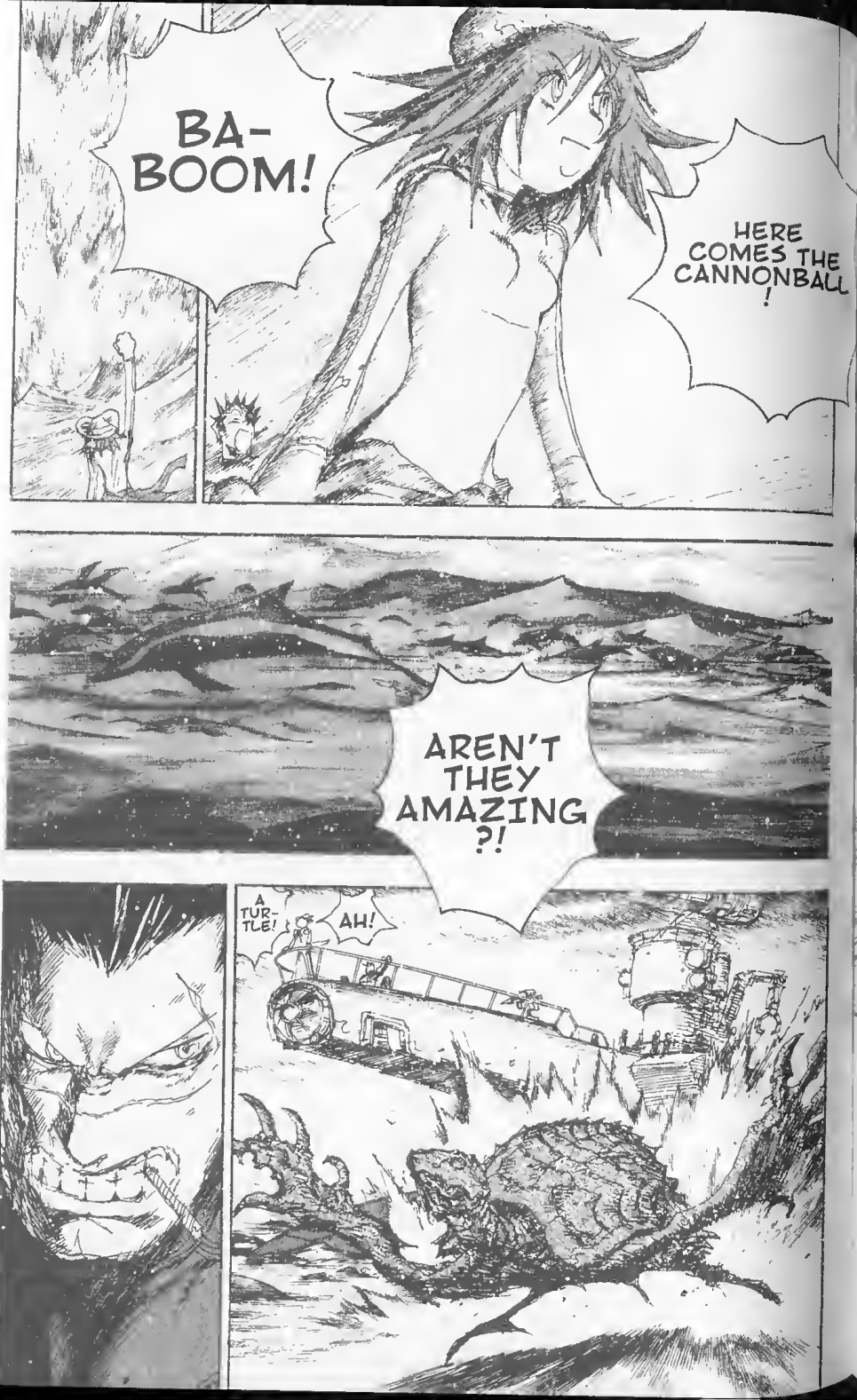
THESE THINGS AREN'T THAT BIG!

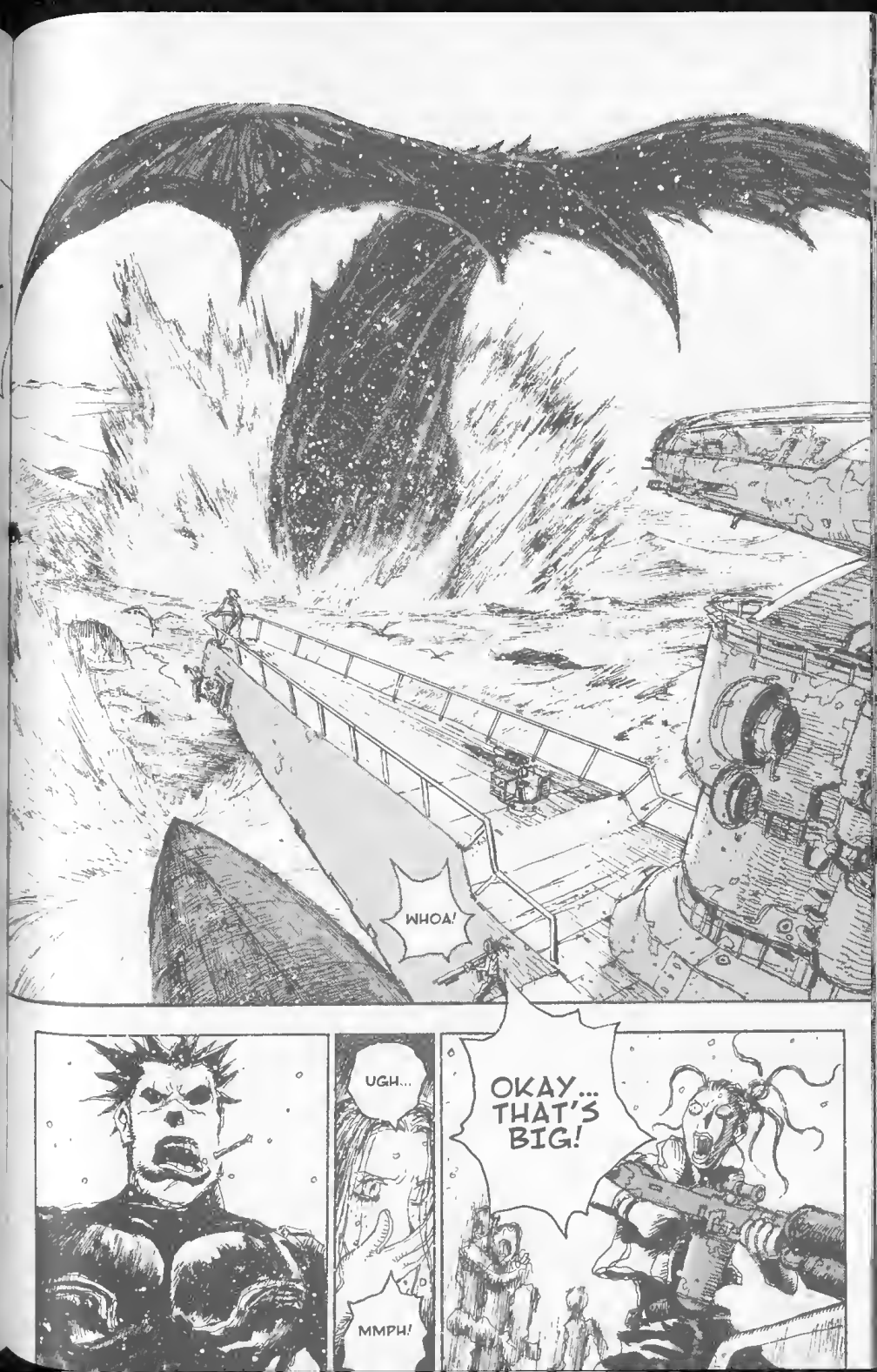

WHAT THE HELL ARE THEY DOING? THEY'RE GONNA RAM US!
DAMMIT, THESE BLASTED THINGS ARE SURROUNDING THE SHIP!


WHAT'RE YOU TALKING ABOUT?!
STOP!
THEY'RE JUST CURIOUS! IF YOU RILE 'EM UP, THEY'LL CRUSH US FER SURE!

WHAT THE HELL...
WOW!!

WOW! GULL-FISH!!
OH NO!
SHIT!
BEAT IT!
I DON'T REALLY KNOW... BUT ISN'T IT GREAT?
IS THIS YOUR DOIN', GIRL?!
DAMMIT, WE JUST SWABBED THE DECKS!

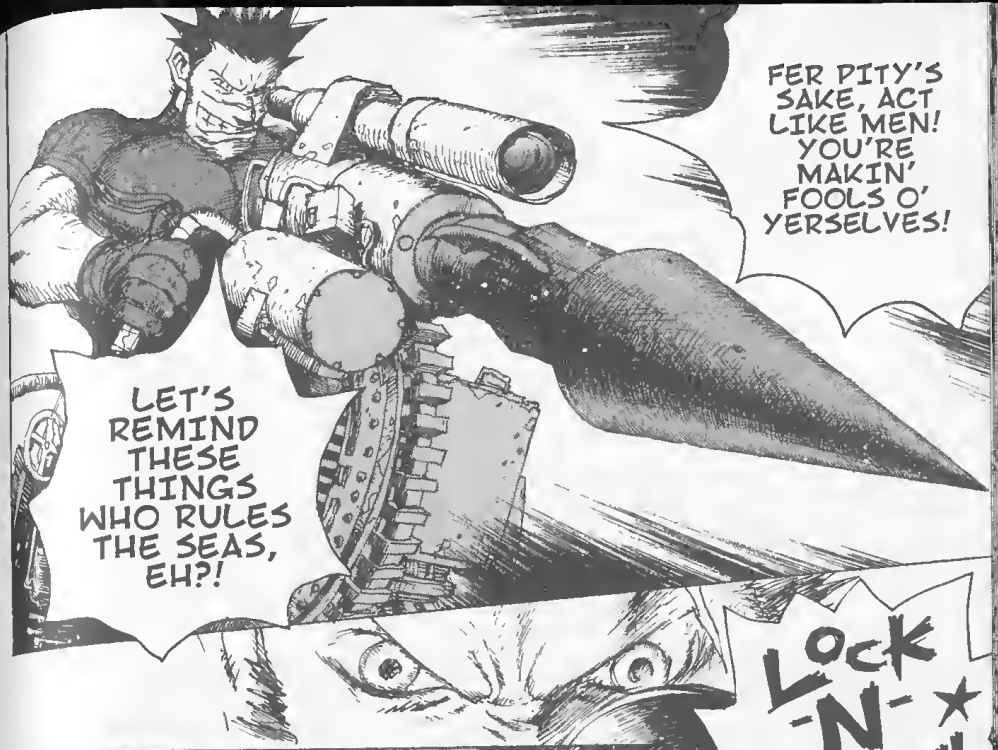

BA-BOOM!
HERE COMES THE CANNONBALL!
AREN'T THEY AMAZING?!
A TUR-TLE!
AH!


WHOA!
UGH...
MMPH!
OKAY... THAT'S BIG!

THE LORD OF THE SAKAI DOES EXIST, SUV.
HAVEN'T YOU EVER BELIEVED IN SOMETHING YOU COULDN'T SEE?
THE LORD OF THE SAKAI ENTERED THEIR SOULS, AND GAVE THEM TO US.
OUR FOOD WAS A GIFT FROM THE SAND WHALES.
GREAT... MORE BACKWARDS-ASS, SAVAGE SUPERSTITIONS!

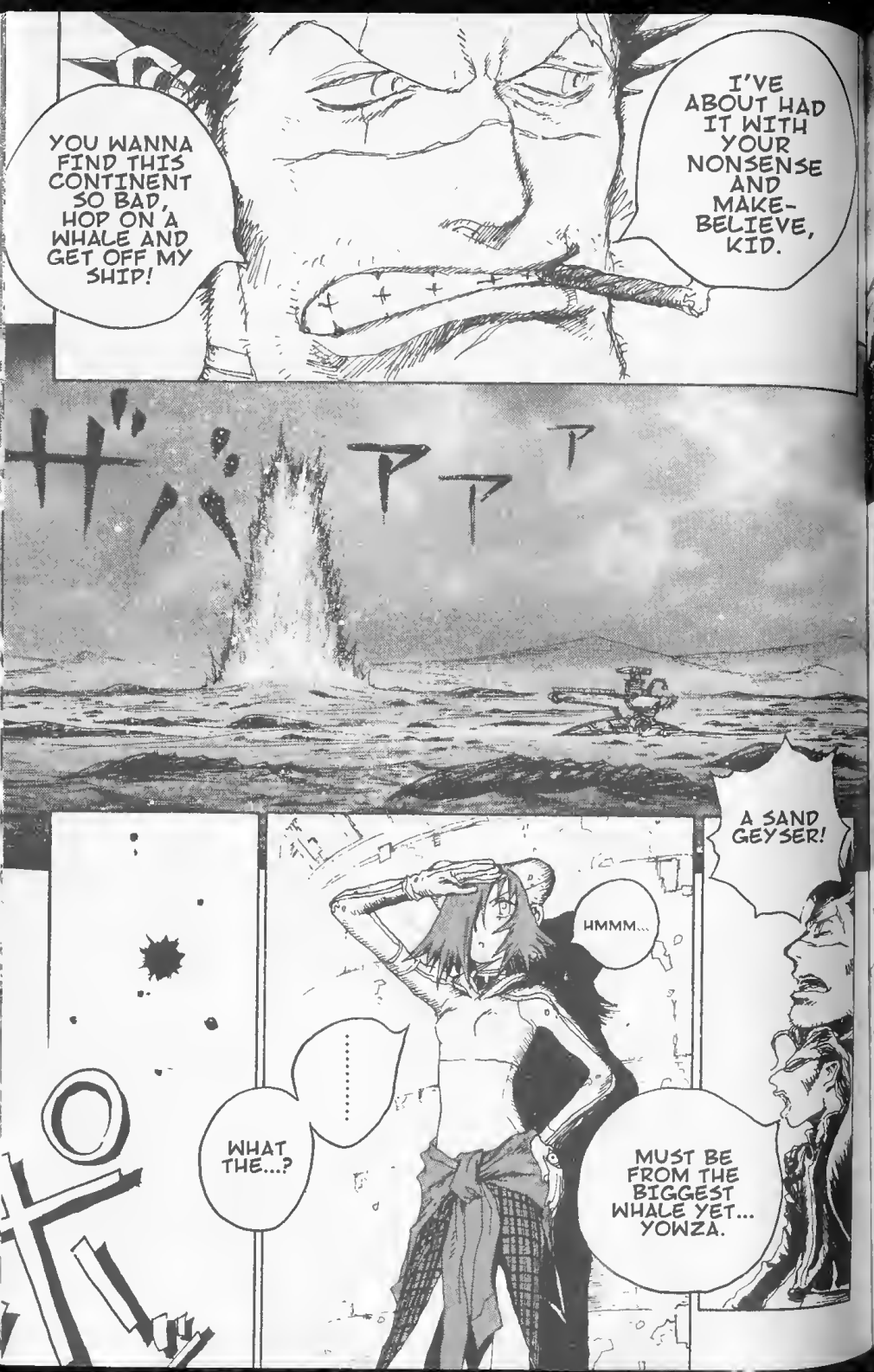
...TO MAKE ME BELIEVE THERE'S AN ALL POWERFUL LORD CONTROLLING EVERYTHING.
...AND I AIN'T NEVER SEEN ANYTHING...

LOOK, KID....
I BEEN ALL OVER THIS ROCK...


FER PITY'S SAKE, ACT LIKE MEN! YOU'RE MAKIN' FOOLS O' YERSELVES!
LET'S REMIND THESE THINGS WHO RULES THE SEAS, EH?!

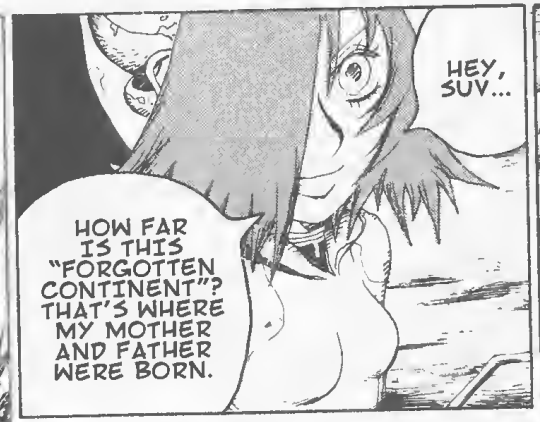
THIS IS A KILLING TOOL, ISN'T IT?
HEY SUV!
WHA...?!
I WILL NOT PERMIT THAT!
YOU ARE ONE BAT-SHIT CRAZY BROAD! ON THE ISLAND, DIDN'T YOU KILL AND EAT WHALES?!

LOCK-N-★ LOAD!!
HOW DOES "TURTLE STEW" SOUND FOR TONIGHT'S MENU?
KCHK

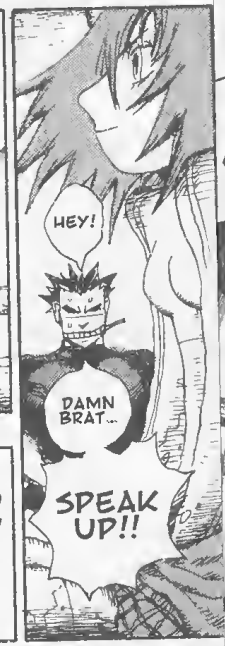

YOU WANNA FIND THIS CONTINENT SO BAD, HOP ON A WHALE AND GET OFF MY SHIP!
I'VE ABOUT HAD IT WITH YOUR NONSENSE AND MAKE-BELIEVE, KID.
A SAND GEYSER!
HMMM...
WHAT THE...?
.....
MUST BE FROM THE BIGGEST WHALE YET... YOWZA.

ZIZI! ARE THESE FISH EVER GONNA LEAVE?!
THEY'VE BEEN FOLLOWING US FOR THREE FLAMIN' DAYS!

WHAT ABOUT THE EMPIRE?
THAT'S NOT ENTIRELY TRUE, CAP.
WHAT?!
WOLF! SHUT THE HELL UP!


HEY, SUV...
HOW FAR IS THIS "FORGOTTEN CONTINENT"? THAT'S WHERE MY MOTHER AND FATHER WERE BORN.

SO QUIT DAY-DREAMIN' ABOUT FAIRY TALES, GIRL!
STUPID BROAD!
THERE AIN'T NO CONTINENTS LEFT!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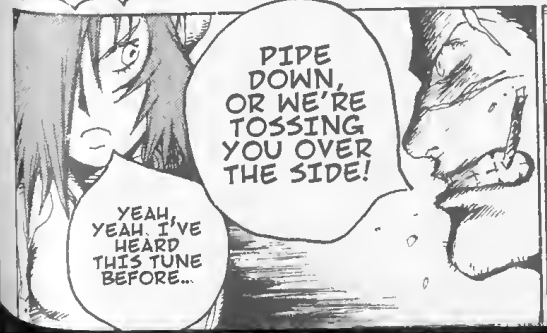
DAMN BRAT...
SPEAK UP!!


PIPE DOWN, OR WE'RE TOSSING YOU OVER THE SIDE!
YEAH, YEAH. I'VE HEARD THIS TUNE BEFORE...

AHEM!
...BUT AREN'T I THE CAPTAIN?
SORRY, CAPTAIN.
LAST THING WE WANNA DO IS GET TANGLED UP WITH THEM!

THIS AIN'T HAPPENING...
MEN! BATTLE STATIONS!
HOLY SHIT!
AH...!
WHAT THE HELL WAS THAT?!

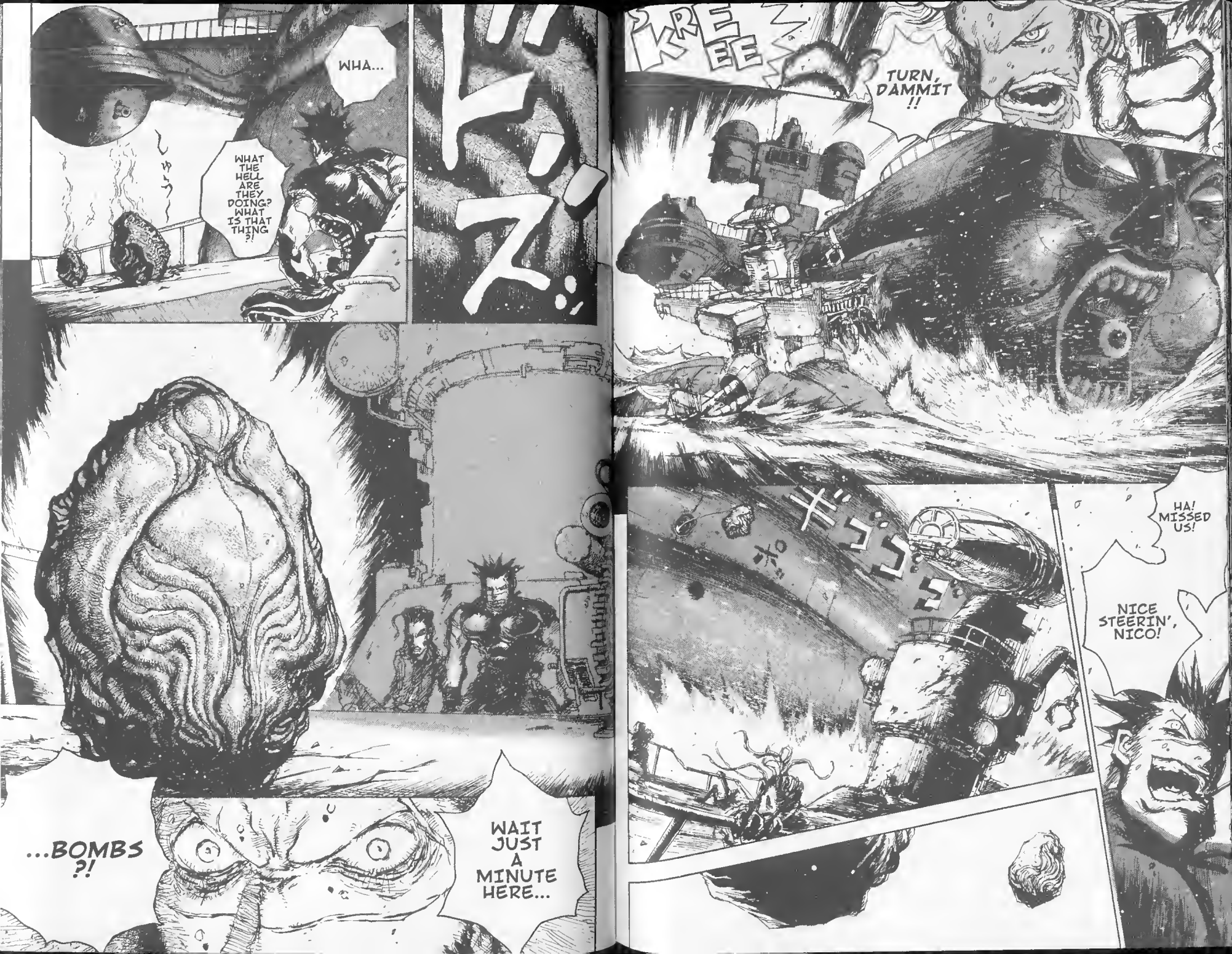
LOOK! THE WHALES ARE--!
WHY IS IT FALLING FROM THE SKY?!
YOU LOUTS CALL YOURSELVES MEN? IT'S JUST A LITTLE BLOOD!
IT'S BLOOD!

...ON HOW TO HUNT FISH.
PERHAPS THEY'RE LOOKING FOR A LESSON FROM THE IMPERIAL ARMY...

THE SAND WHALE POD IS STILL AT 10 KILOMETERS. THEY HAVE NOT ALTERED COURSE.
THERE ALSO SEEMS TO BE A FISHING BOAT, BUT...
...IT'S HEADED RIGHT FOR OUR WARSHIP.
HMM... WHAT'S A FISHING BOAT DOING OUT HERE?

AAHH!!!
GUH!
HAH! THAT LITTLE RUST-BUCKET DOESN'T HAVE A SPORTING CHANCE...

FIRE !!
NO!! ZIZI, DON'T !!
HEH HEH HEH HEH HEH...
HEH...
BLINK
YOU... YOU IDIOT, ZIZI!
WHA-- WHA ...!!


WHA...
WHAT THE HELL ARE THEY DOING? WHAT IS THAT THING ?!
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...BOMBS ?!
WAIT JUST A MINUTE HERE...
KREEE
TURN, DAMMIT !!
ギュン
HA! MISSED US!
NICE STEERIN', NICO!

UNNGGH!!!
IT'S A FLAMIN' CRUSTACEAN!
AN' ME... WITHOUT A SIDE O' BUTTER...

'LEAST TILL I FIGGER OUT WHAT'S GOIN' ON...
URG... DON'T DO ANYTHING STUPID!
SAVE THE CAPTAIN!
IT'S A MON-STER!
STAND DOWN!

WELL, WHATEVER THEY ARE, IT AIN'T GOOD! GET RID OF 'EM!
UH...
A BOMB? YOU SURE?!
IT DIDN'T EXPLODE...

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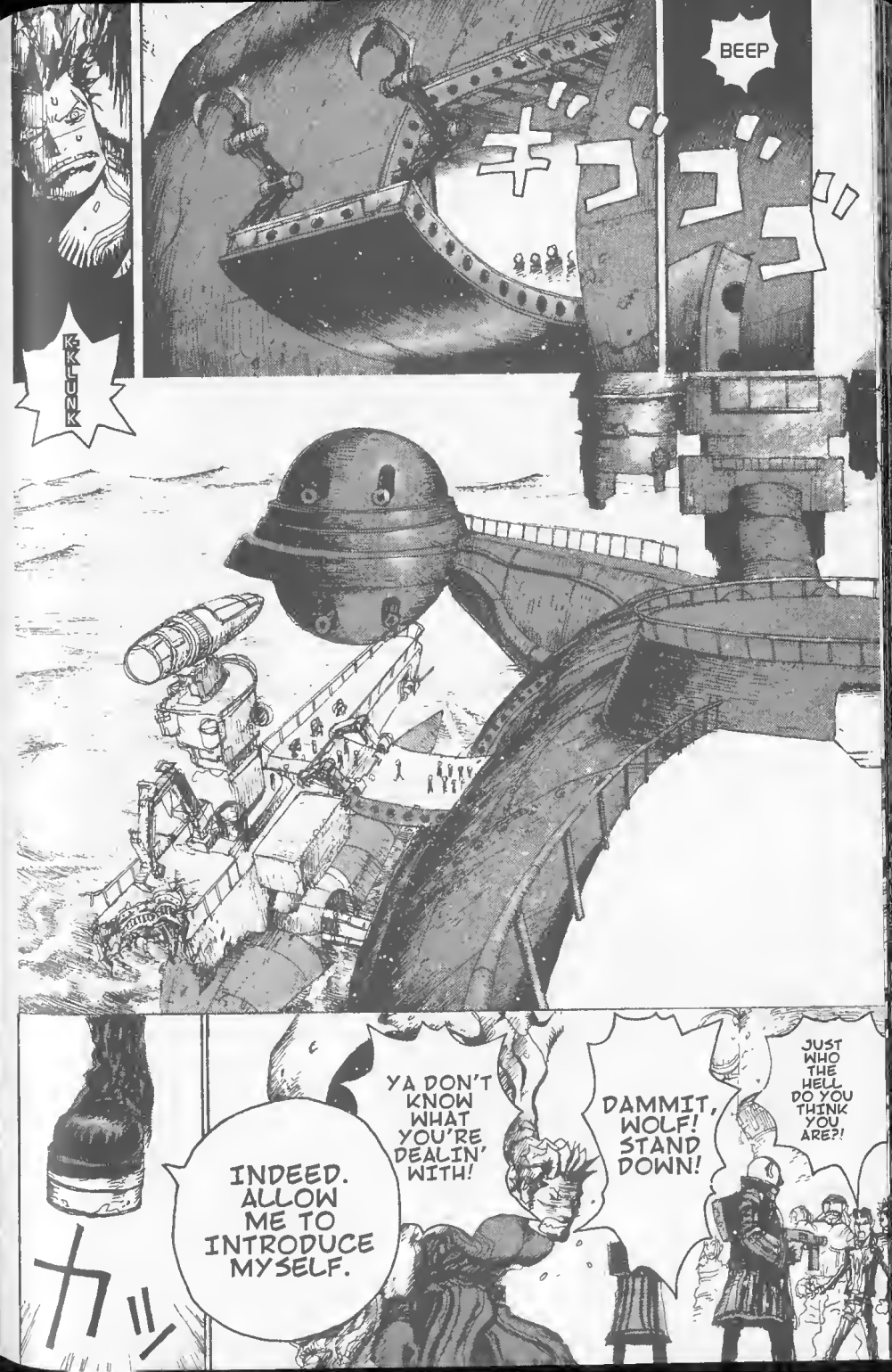
UUNGF!
I GOT... A BAD FEELING... ABOUT THIS!
PUSH, DAMMIT! PUT YOUR BACKS INTO IT!

PHSSHH

AW, HELL...

I AM COMMANDER JANGO, OF THE EASTERN DIVISION OF THE IMPERIAL ARMY.

HEH HEH...
WE MEAN NO TROUBLE FOR THE IMPERIAL ARMY.
US? WE'RE JUST PASSING THROUGH...
OF LATE, PIRATES HAVE BEEN POACHING IN THE SAKAI WITH ALARMING REGULARITY.
WHAT CAN WE DO?
MY WARSHIP HAS ANSWERED THE VOICE OF THE PEOPLE, AND WE ARE CURRENTLY INVESTIGATING THIS UNFORTUNATE SITUATION.
IS SUV BLUFFING, OR IS HE REALLY AFRAID?
WHAT IS YOUR BUSINESS HERE? I'VE NEVER SEEN THE LIKES OF YOU IN THIS PART OF THE OCEAN.
IF I SEE ANY, I'LL LET YA KNOW.
PIRATES, HUH? SOUNDS DANGEROUS.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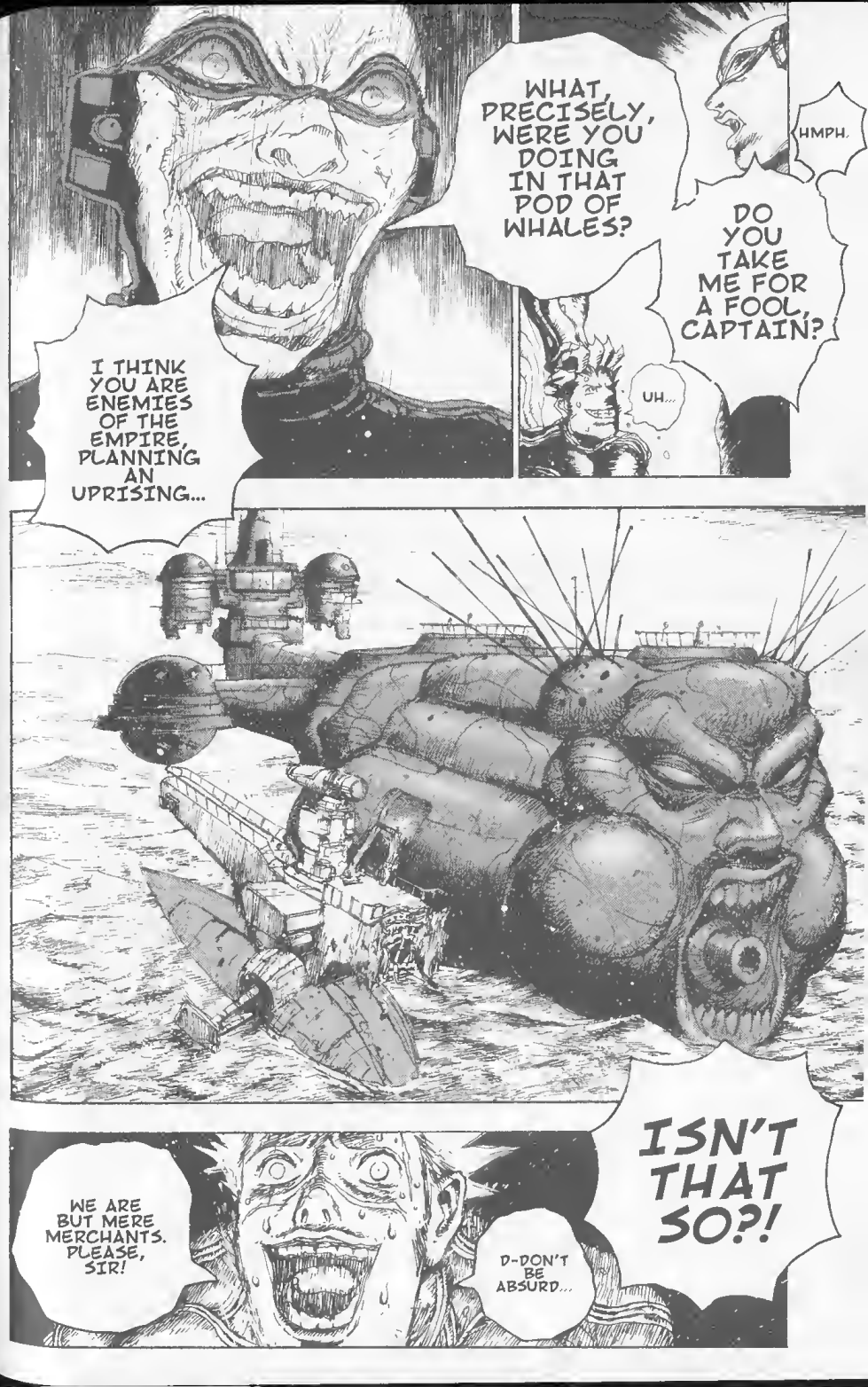
INDEED. ALLOW ME TO INTRODUCE MYSELF.
YA DON'T KNOW WHAT YOU'RE DEALIN' WITH!
DAMMIT, WOLF! STAND DOWN!
JUST WHO THE HELL DO YOU THINK YOU ARE?!

YOUR "SUBMISSIVE" ACT IS LAUGHABLE...
HEY!
...FILTHY PIRATE SCUM!!
KILL THEM ALL AND SCUTTLE THEIR SHIP.
THESE PIRATES ARE ENEMIES OF THE EMPIRE, AND ARE PLOTTING TO OVERTHROW THE IMPERIAL ARMY!
WAIT! WE'RE MERCHANTS, I SWEAR IT!
WHA --?!
PI--
PIRATES?! YOU GOT IT ALL WRONG!


WHAT, PRECISELY, WERE YOU DOING IN THAT POD OF WHALES?
HMPH.
DO YOU TAKE ME FOR A FOOL, CAPTAIN?
UH...
I THINK YOU ARE ENEMIES OF THE EMPIRE, PLANNING AN UPRISING...
WE ARE BUT MERE MERCHANTS. PLEASE, SIR!
D-DON'T BE ABSURD...
ISN'T THAT SO?!

SIR!!
GET BACK!
GRANTED!
BRING ME THE BITCH'S EYES!
COMMANDER...
...REQUEST PERMISSION TO ENGAGE.
!?!
D-DAMN YOU...
THE SAKAI... BELONGS TO NO ONE!
ZIZI ?!
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IMPUDENT WHELP!

ZIZI! WATCH WHERE YOU'RE SWINGIN' THAT THING!!
YOU'RE GONNA HIT ME!!
YA PISSED HER OFF!!
BAD MOVE, CRAB-CAKE...
...I'VE EVER SEEN ZIZI LIKE THIS...
THIS... THIS IS THE FIRST TIME...

TARGET SIGHTED!
HSSH
LOW VISIBILITY. ACTIVATING SUB-SAND SENSOR.
YOU FOUGHT WELL, BUT IT'S THE END OF THE LINE, GIRL!
IT'S A WASTE TO KILL ONE SO... DELECTABLE...
...BUT I CAN HAVE MY FUN WHETHER YOU'RE ALIVE OR NOT!
WHAA?!
HUH?!

ZIZI!
WITHOUT BREATHING EQUIPMENT A HUMAN CAN ONLY SURVIVE IN THE SAKAI FOR MOMENTS
UGH!
KOFF!
GACK
WATCH IT, GIRL!
YOU'RE GOING TO KILL US BOTH!

AAAHH!!
WHA—?!
SHE'S JUST A GIRL!!
THIS BRAT... CAN'T BE...
IMPOSSIBLE...
HOW... HOW CAN YOU SEE ME IN THE SAKAI?!

RAAARGH!!
GONNA GUT YOU, BITCH!!!

GWAHH...
HE-
HELP... ME...
THIS...
IT CAN'T BE...
HA...
CRUSTY HERE WOULD NEVER LAST FIVE SECONDS AS A WHALE HUNTER.
HA...
UH...

LOOK! YOUR HEROINE'S BLOOD STAINS THE WHITE SAND OF THE SAKAI!
NO! ZIZI! NOOO!
ZIZI!!
ON LAND OR UNDER SAND, THERE IS NO ESCAPE FROM OUR MIGHTY HAND!
LET THAT BE A LESSON TO ALL WHO WOULD DEFY THE EMPIRE'S IMPERIAL ARMY ELITE.
PERHAPS A LOOK AT YOUR FRIEND'S CORPSE WILL BREAK THAT FIERY SPIRIT, HMM?
LET GO OF ME!
TSK TSK TSK...
YOU'RE A RATHER BUXOM LASS... PERHAPS YOU MAY YET OFFER ME AND MY CREW SOME... ENTERTAINMENT.

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HIROMOTO-SIN-ICHI

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I WON'T LET YOU DIE...
WAKE UP, SUV!!
...AT LEAST, NOT UNTIL WE KILL THIS BALD FREAK AND YOU TAKE ME TO THE FORGOTTEN CONTINENT!
UNNGGHH!!
NGGH...

STONE

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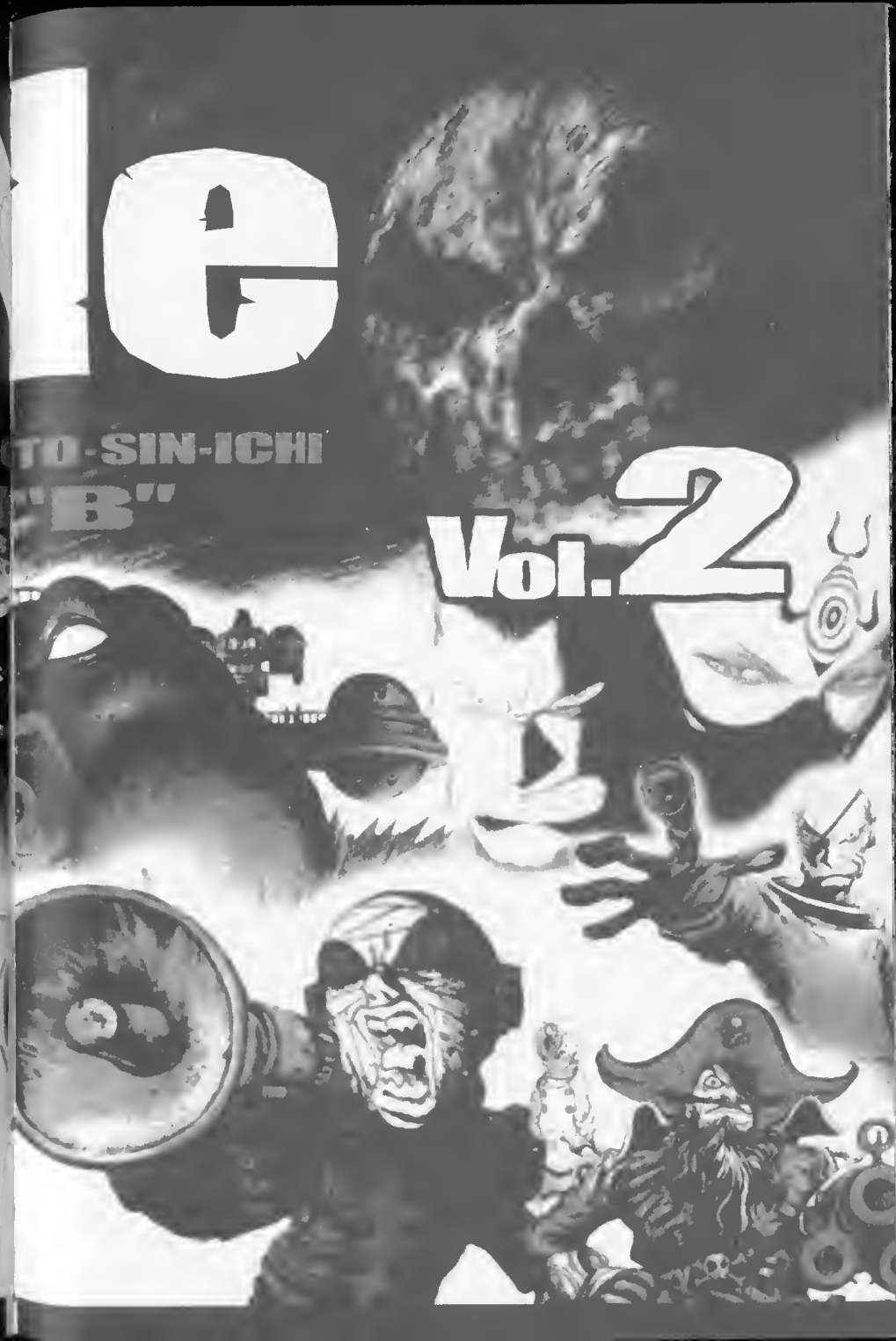

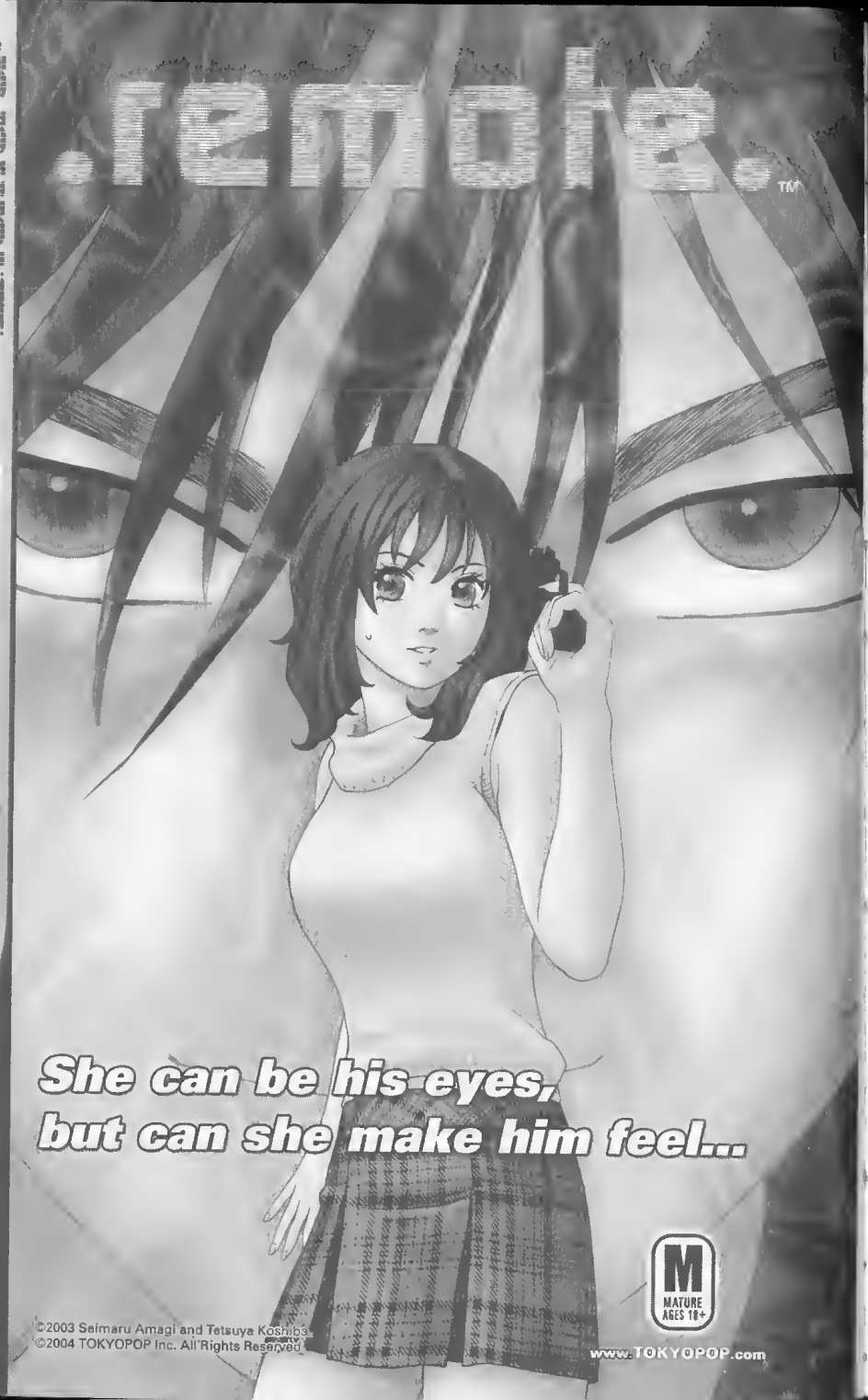

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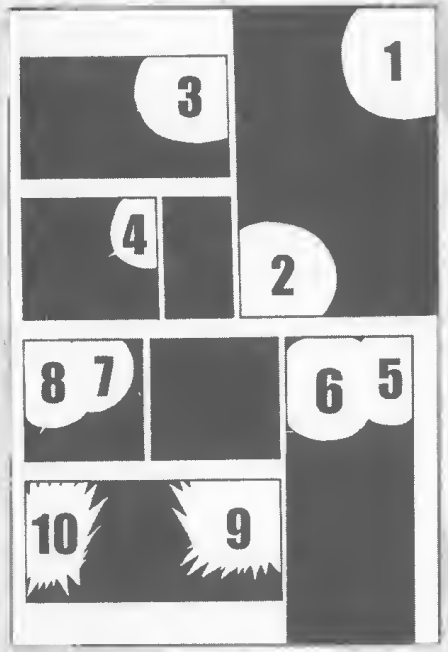

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